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MP vows to carry on after sacking

OWEN Paterson has vowed to continue to serve North Shropshire and his country after losing his post as Environment Secretary.

Speaking on Tuesday the MP said the past 24 hours had been a roller coaster ride. But he said he would remain in government as a back bencher.

Mr Paterson said his time in both opposition and in the government had given him huge experience.

"I spent 14 years in opposition, including three years as shadow Northern Ireland Secretary and, once in government, two years as Northern Ireland secretary before my time at Defra.

"I have a pretty clear idea of how this country should go in the future and will be speaking up from the back benches. I will continue to serve my constituency and my country as an MP. I wish Liz Truss all the best in her new role."

He said the countryside and countryside issues remained a top priority to him.

"There are 12 million people who live in the countryside and I will continue to promote their interests."

The north Shropshire MP said his new freedom meant he would have more time to devote to his constituency and said he was already able to now attend more events this weekend.

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Appeal after pitbull attack in car park

A 13-WEEK-old puppy was savaged in a town centre attack by a pitbull on Sunday.

The pet was attacked in Welshpool's Berriew Street Car Park at around 3pm and had to be rushed to the vets for surgery after suffering a number of puncture wounds.

"It appeared the dog was with a group of about five men when the incident happened," said Dyfed Powys Police spokesperson Sian George.

Anyone who witnessed the incident or has information is asked to contact police in Welshpool by calling 101.

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Blooming marvellous welcome for Margaret



Margaret Thrower was in town to judge the Oswestry in Bloom event and is pictured with Betty Gull

GARDENING expert Margaret Thrower was in town yesterday (Wednesday) to judge entries for the Oswestry in Bloom competition.

Ms Thrower, eldest daughter of horticultural legend Percy, took a tour of the town judging a huge range of entries for this year's competition.

She has for many years been a firm favourite at shows, festivals, demonstrations and in all sorts of teaching roles and has been involved in the judging of the Oswestry competition for many years.

She said she also looked forward to coming to Oswestry to take part in the judging, accompanied by chairman of the In Bloom committee Betty Gull.

Ms Thrower said: "I have been involved in the judging for so long that I have been meeting the same people for a while.

"It almost feels like it is meeting old friends every year and that is lovely. It is lovely to see the work people put into their gardens and their displays. It does take a long time but I always enjoy having a look.

"It is a privilege in many ways because you are invited to people's homes, to the rear gardens where many people are not able to see.

"I think it is an important competition because it brings a lot of pride to people and it celebrates the hard work many people put into their homes or their businesses."

Miss Thrower was judging front and back gardens yesterday and was due to return to Oswestry tomorrow (Friday) to judge commercial premises, window displays and community sites, such as schools.

She said: "It is a lot of work and it does take some time to judge.

"You have to do it over two days because there are so many places to visit."

Miss Gull said this year there were nearly 100 entries in the local In Bloom competition.

An award ceremony for the winners will be hosted at the Guilhall on the Bailey Head in September.

Reprieve as station doors to stay open

WELSHPOOL'S police station has escaped the threat of closure after plans to put more bobbies on the beat were unveiled.

Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner Christopher Salmon said he has reviewed the future of eight stations in Powys and has decided to keep Welshpool open.

Mr Salmon said he will also keep Newtown Station open, but will close Knighton, while the future of Crickhowell and Hay-on-Wye is still uncertain.

He said he decided to review the future of Welshpool Station in a bid to have "more bobbies and less bricks".

The move will allow him to have 30 new officers on the streets of the county.

He said: "I want to prioritise our spending on bobbies not bricks. The estates strategy will help ensure police officers can be seen and contacted in line with the public's modern needs and wishes. Welshpool Station will be retained. It will ensure that our communities receive an effective, efficient and professional service.

"With some of our many buildings being expensive to run or under-used, the strategy will mean a wise use of public money.

"Front line services will be prioritised with innovation in the use of buildings and technology. We're looking at solutions such as sharing spaces with partner agencies and organisations."

Companies honoured with awards

THREE Oswestry area companies scooped honours in the 14th annual Shropshire Business Awards held at the Telford International Centre on Friday.

The Best New Business category was won by Oswestry-based manufacturer GWR Fasteners while Aubrey Kirkham Funeral Directors, of Four Crosses, won the outstanding customer service award at the event attended by 640 people.

Llanfyllin based Stado Automotive, who also have a site in Telford, picked up the award for manufacturing excellence.

FORMER COP ON 23 SEX CHARGES

A 79-year-old retired policeman denied sexually abusing children when he appeared in crown court this week.

by David Banner

Not the right sort of kissing if you know what I mean. It seemed to be all the time. Every day with no breaks. I remember feeling suffocated. I just knew it wasn't right.

"He used to say to me 'its normal, don't get upset'. He then started saying things like 'it's our secret, you won't see your mum again if you say anything'. He was a police officer. I suppose I didn't realise at the time but as I got older he was so plausible.

"He was also really, really cruel. He had a nasty streak, very hurtful things, he used to say. He was saying I'd like it."

The woman, who said she began being sexually abused when she was just three, added: "We had to look at magazines. Pornographic magazines, although I didn't know what they were at the time. I remember being sick and gagging."

Barker was charged after another victim,

now a middle aged man, made a complaint to police over various forms of sexual abuse taking place when the defendant was a policeman living in Knotty Ash.

The man says the abuse happened when he was between the ages of six and 12, describing it as "snatched opportunities. A rub here, a fondle there."

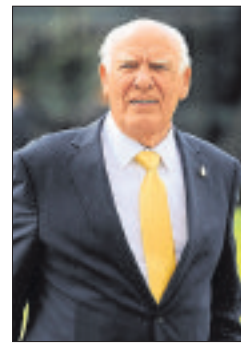
He also said Barker committed the offences while wearing his uniform, describing the feel of Barker's police uniform as he abused him.

He said: "I remember he had his police uniform on, the trousers. I remember the fabric was real thick black material."

The former police sergeant categorically denied the allegations. Giving evidence he was asked by his barrister, Kim Halsall, whether he had got the boy to perform a sex act on him as well as other incidents described by his alleged victim, now a middle aged man.

He answered "no" to each question.

The case continues



Ex- policeman Griffith Barker

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Welshpool's Carl Gannon has received an award for his outstanding community service. Turn to page 15

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Teacher's death from alcohol was "accident"

by William Tomaney

A TEACHER who died after drinking a lethal amount of alcohol did not intend to harm, let alone kill, herself – a coroner has said.

Jacqueline Little, 59, of Hampton Fields in Oswestry, was found dead in her living room at home on the morning of April 5. She was found by her father who she lived with in a kneeling position, facing the floor.

Football teams play as tribute to Danny

A TRIBUTE football match has been staged in memory of a man who died after being stabbed.

Players from Chirk AAA FC took on a team from Oswestry Town FC in honour of Danny Jones, from Chirk, who died after being attacked with a replica Lord of the Rings sword during an argument at Oak Street car park in Oswestry last year.

Staff from the British Ironwork Centre helped organise the match on Friday night in Mr Jones's memory. His mother Lisa McNeil has joined the firm's anti-knife crime campaign, Save a Life – Surrender Your Knife.

Mrs McNeil and her husband Lee McNeil attended the game along with many relatives and friends.

She said: "Danny was a big Manchester United fan and we are really grateful for everyone's support.

"We need to try to stop these killings happening."

Mr Jones's killer Richard Reece is serving a 12-year jail term for manslaughter.

An inquest in Shrewsbury heard a post mortem carried out following the death had found Miss Little had a level of alcohol in her blood that was high enough to cause death.

Mr John Ellery, coroner for Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin, said Miss Little did not intend to harm or kill herself and concluded she had died as a result of an accident. The cause of death was acute alcohol intoxication and left ventricular hypertrophy – the thickening of the muscle at the left side of the heart.

During the hearing, her brother Julian Morrison-Little revealed his sister was "very secretive" and had only told medical professionals and a friend about having a problem with alcohol. He added, however, Miss Little's friend thought she was "on the up" and said: "It was an accident but a very sad accident."

Mr Morrison-Little added he wanted to emphasize the "positive side" of his sister, who loved tango dancing. He said: "She was a doer, she went out there and got on with it and she was never happy unless she rose to the top."

Mr Ellery said: "This death was the unintended consequence of drinking alcohol. I have heard no evidence that she wanted to harm herself, let alone kill herself. I conclude she died as the result of an accident."

Royal visitor marks 50th anniversary



Princess Alexandra signing the visitor's book, watched by editor Martin Wright

PRINCESS Alexandra provided the highlight of the Shropshire Star's 50th anniversary celebrations.

She visited the newspaper's Ketley headquarters, meeting the staff whose job it is to put The Chronicle's sister paper together and get it out onto the streets.

Her Royal Highness met reporters, sub editors and the team responsible for printing the newspaper. And she also met staff from the advertising department before being given the job of pressing the button for a special late edition of the Shropshire Star.

The visit meant a rush for Star photographer David Hamilton, who managed to take a photograph of her arriving at the offices and send it to the newspaper's front page before she had worked her way around to the newsroom.

Shropshire Star editor Martin Wright said: "It was a wonderful occasion. We are so grateful for the Princess agreeing to visit and she was very interested in the work we do here. All the staff were excited to host such a special guest. It has provided the highlight to a very important year for the

Shropshire Star."

She was shown round the offices by editor Martin Wright and was delighted when a photograph taken of her as she arrived, appeared on the front page of the newspaper less than five minutes later.

The Princess, accompanied by her lady-in-waiting Meriel Afia who lives near Shifnal, was escorted by Lord Lieutenant Sir Algernon Heber-Percy and his wife, Lady Heber-Percy. The party met workers from advertising, editorial, production and circulation departments.

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Meeting with Terry Waite for company

AN OSWESTRY company is to team up with former peace envoy Terry Waite to bring work experience people from Africa to the country.

Mr Waite, who is president of Llangollen Eisteddfod, called in at the British Ironwork Centre en-route to this year's event at Llangollen showground.

The former special envoy to the Archbishop of Canterbury, successfully negotiated the release of hostages from Iran and Libya and was himself held captive by terrorists in Beirut between 1987 and 1991.

During his visit, Mr Waite was able to see the centre's interactive workshops and craft workers.

He gave his support to the "Save a Life, Surrender Your Knife" campaign to eliminate weapons from British streets.

Clive Knowles, British Ironwork Centre chairman, said "It was a real honour for us to welcome Mr Waite to the centre. Amongst Mr Waite's vast portfolio of charitable work is the presidency of an organisation which enables young people to find work and education on an international scale. We will be collaborating with the charity to bring young people from countries such as Uganda and Kenya to gain work experience."

Road blocked after crash

A MAIN commuter road just outside Welshpool was partially blocked by a crash at about 7am on Wednesday.

The accident happened on the A458 Welshpool to Shrewsbury road at Buttington Bridge.

Dyfed Powys Police said lorries struggled to pass.

Paterson returns to back benches after reshuffle

by Graham Breeze



Owen Paterson

NORTH Shropshire MP Owen Paterson said he was looking forward to spending more time in his constituency as the fall-out over his sacking by the Prime Minister continued this week.

Mr Paterson lost his position as Environment Secretary in a cabinet re-shuffle announced on Tuesday.

As Mr Paterson returned to the backbenches, he was philosophical about the move, pledging to continue to campaign on rural affairs.

And he said he was looking forward to spending more time in north Shropshire, starting this weekend with a string of engagements already booked in.

He said: "There are 12 million people who live in the countryside and I will continue to promote their interests. I have a pretty clear idea of how this country should go in the future and will be speaking up from the back benches."

"I will continue to serve my constituency and my country as an MP. I wish Liz Truss all the best in her new role."

The 58-year-old had been a member of Mr Cameron's inner circle since 2010.

But he was among those ousted as the Prime Minister prepared to bring in new faces, many of them female, ahead of next year's general election.

Support

Welsh Secretary David Jones was another casualty, told he will return to the backbenches after less than two years as a minister.

Mr Paterson had pleased farmers with his support of them over the badger cull, but had angered animal welfare groups.

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, which he oversaw, also came under fire for its handling of the recent floods.

It is believed Mr Paterson lost his post despite furious lobbying of the Prime Minister by supporters in Westminster in a last-ditch bid to get him to change his mind.

Mr Paterson was seen leaving the Prime Minister's office – but when asked about the reshuffle, he said only: "Busy day at Defra."

Mr Paterson served as Shadow Secretary of State for Northern Ireland from 2007 until 2010 when he was appointed to the cabinet with the same portfolio under the Coalition Government. He was moved to Defra in 2012.

Campaigners are quick to put the boot in following minister sacking

FARMERS waved farewell to Owen Paterson as Environment Secretary by praising his relationship with the local agricultural community but animal rights activists were quick to put the boot in.

David Mills, chairman of the Shropshire branch of the NFU, said: "Some of Owen's radical views found favour with the farming industry, but sadly not with the rest of the electorate."

"We knew his time would be limited and so did he and he tried to do as much as possible in a short time."

"People didn't take to the idea of the badger cull and he was fiercely behind the fact that it was the only way to control the exploding problem of TB. Overall he did a very difficult job, as you can't please all the people all the time."

Within moments of his sacking animal rights campaigners were putting the boot in.

"The badgers have outlasted Owen Paterson," was the gist of the crowing on social media – heavy on references to culls – taunting the North Shropshire MP over the issue which has, to many, defined his time in office.

It was Mr Paterson who had overseen the attempt to put the brakes on the spread of bovine TB, at a cost of around 2,000 badgers.

It was a move that was widely supported by farmers not by environmentalists.

Carys wins the top award



Carys Jones celebrates after collecting her award on Monday

AN extraordinary teenager was honoured for her inventive ways to help others at the Pride of Shropshire Awards on Monday.

Carys Jones, an A level student at Llanfyllin High School, scooped the highest accolade at the seventh annual celebration of unsung heroes sponsored by our sister newspaper the Shropshire Star.

Carys picked up the Youth Community Award after she was inspired to act following the tragic death of April Jones at Machynlleth.

She developed Invizzilead – an alarm which uses radio waves to notify parents when their child goes beyond a pre-defined

distance. And earlier this year she scooped a national engineering award for her design.

Speaking after accepting the Youth Community award and the Overall Pride of Shropshire Award, Carys said: "I just can't believe it. It's been amazing. I just can't believe I've won because everyone here is so inspirational."

Explaining how she came up with Invizzilead, Carys said: "It was for my A Level project. I wanted to make something that made a difference to people. And when I heard about April's story that inspired me to do something."

NEWS in brief

Specialist units saved from the axe

SPECIALIST units for children with additional learning needs in primary schools in Mid Wales have been saved from the axe.

Powys County Council's cabinet voted through a council officer recommendation that it should not to proceed with the closure of the pre-school assessment centres nor specialist units.

In February the council announced that it intended closing all 18 specialist support centres for children with additional learning needs based within primary schools, as well as four pre-assessment centres, from September 1 this year.

But now the council has said it will not close any units at this time. The initial proposals sparked anger from parents.

Summer craft fair date at gallery

THE Willow Gallery will hold its summer craft fair at its headquarters in Willow Street, Oswestry, on Saturday.

Artists will be showcasing their locally-made products including metalwork, fused glass, weaving, jewellery, furniture and greetings cards.

Every Wednesday and Friday throughout the summer holidays the Willow gallery will host art workshops from 1-3pm.

Visiting professional artists will be running a variety of fun, inspiring and creative workshops.

Concert will be in aid of charity

ST Mary's Church, Llanfair Caeirin, will host GKN Telford and Friends in concert in aid of the church and cancer charities on Saturday.

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NEWS



Fire-walkers at the pub

Pub-goers hot-foot it to aid charity

REGULARS at a border pub did their bit for charity by appearing to defy science and common sense.

A free barbecue was on offer at The Swan pub, Pontfadog, to encourage turnout and ease the nerves of local patrons, 10 of whom had volunteered to walk on burning hot fire embers in aid of the Little Heroes Cancer Trust.

Spectators lined up alongside the jumping flames of the fire pit, burgers in hand, sadistic grins on faces, as they awaited the arrival of the luckless volunteers.

Cath McNeill, pub licensee and fire walker, said: "It was a really good turn out. Most of our regulars turned up to support the charity as did a lot of new faces. Some people came from as far afield as Manchester. All together we raised £527, which I think is excellent for a little village pub."

"I'm really grateful to everyone who took part or donated."

"The fire walking itself wasn't that bad to be honest, the organisers gave us a very thorough safety briefing beforehand."

Jake Bains, another fire walker, said: "I was a little nervous beforehand, but it turned out to be fine."

"We walked over the embers about five times in total. During the second attempt my feet got a bit hot, apart from that it was fine."

Colin Nesbit, founder of the Little Heroes Cancer Trust said: "Everyone at the charity is incredibly grateful to anyone who gets involved."

Anyone thinking of organising a fire walk at their local pub should visit www.charityfirewalk.co.uk

Banned motorist passed 10 vehicles at red lights

by David Banner

A driver being chased by police overtook a line of 10 vehicles and went straight through red traffic lights.

David Michael Davenport admitted dangerous driving and wept in the dock at Mold Crown Court when he thought he was going to prison.

But Judge Niclas Parry told him that he would suspend the 10-month prison sentence for a year. Davenport, 31, of Bron y Waun, Chirk, was banned from driving for two years and ordered to take an extended driving test. Mold Crown Court heard how he drove another man's car because the owner was too drunk to do so.

Men needed on the stage

A THEATRE company on the Shropshire/Welsh border has sent out an alert for more men to get involved.

Tanat Valley Theatre Company is planning to get involved in a commemorative World War I production later this year, but to ensure that there are enough actors to fill roles a call has gone out for "men of all ages, from teenagers to those of a more mature age".

Alan Jones, a spokesman for the theatre group, said: "We'll take as many new faces as we can get, but just one extra would be great. Unfortunately we live in a small area, so we don't have that much choice in performers. The older ones aren't getting any younger, and the younger ones keep going off to uni."

Anyone interested in treading the boards at Tanat Valley Theatre Group can contact Gaynor Richfield on (01691) 829660.

But he was a banned driver, had no insurance, he failed to stop for the police and drove dangerously as he tried to get away from the police. Judge Parry told him that within weeks of being placed on a community order for driving while disqualified, he was at it again. He had been involved in a prolonged incident of dangerous driving in the Wrexham area.

The case was aggravated by a shocking record – the judge said that it was his third conviction for driving while disqualified and he had 11 previous convictions for driving without insurance.

He was also placed on supervision and sent on a thinking skills course, and given a two-month tagged curfew.

Prosecutor Richard Edwards told how the defendant was seen driving a Ford Fiesta with passengers on May 20. He turned in front of a police car at a junction in Ruthin Road, Wrexham, at excessive speed and went through a red light. He did not stop and overtook 10 stationary cars and went through the lights on red.

Andrew Green, defending, said his client had been to the police to say he was the driver but was initially not believed.

Mini-Olympic medal winners



Woodside School pupils in Oswestry who won gold medals in the mini Olympics

SPORTING pupils at a primary school in Oswestry were presented with the medals they earned in the school's mini Olympics competition.

The medals were presented to Year 3 and 4 pupils at Woodside School by Oswestry mayor John Gareth Jones. He said: "There were about 50 to 60 youngsters there. I was awarding medals after they gave up their lunch hour to do the mini Olympics challenges."

"It was lovely to see them all."

The events were planned by Woodside teacher Scott Hebson, who coordinates the forest school and other outdoor activities.

He said: "They gave up their time to get involved and be active. I was looking for a way to get the kids out there being active and healthy."

"We ran the activities over a five-week period. The teachers enjoyed the events as well, and they'd take their lunches outside so they could watch and cheer on their classes."

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Five in prison over brawl at pub night for charity

by Graham Breeze

FIVE Welshpool men involved in an affray during a fancy dress Children in Need fundraising party at a pub have been jailed.

Judge Nicolas Parry, sitting at Mold Crown Court, told them that they had "behaved like wild animals".

The court heard how one man needed five operations and metal plates had to be inserted in his head after he suffered a fractured skull when he was struck with a golf club.

But it was accepted by the prosecution that none of the five defendants were responsible for that blow. The injuries were said to have been inflicted by a man who went to defend the victim by striking his attackers – but also struck the victim on the head.

Work on new footpath to get started

OSWESTRY is to get a new 'Green Way' footpath and cycle way, alongside its heritage railway line.

Work will begin soon on Shropshire Council and Cambrian Heritage Railway's plans to construct a cycle and pedestrian route along the Oswestry section of the Oswestry to Gobowen railway line.

The route will initially run from Maesbury Road industrial estate to Coney Green, and initial site clearance work is set to begin this autumn.

The new 'Green Way', which is being funded by central government, will link in with the wider Oswestry cycle and pedestrian route network.

Claire Wild, Shropshire Council's cabinet member for highways and transport, said: "It will provide safer and more convenient links for Oswestry's commuters, offer improved access to the area's schools, and serve as a leisure facility for local people."

Initial site clearance works were originally planned to be undertaken earlier this year but were postponed as it wouldn't have been possible to carry out the work prior to the bird nesting season. However, it is anticipated that the works can be now be completed early in the autumn.

Discussions are ongoing between Shropshire Council and Cambrian Heritage Railway about the construction, infrastructure and maintenance of the Green Way.

Bike festival a big success



Seren Roberts and Emma Bullard enjoy the Oswestry Bike Fest

PEOPLE of all ages took to two wheels for the third annual BikeFest in Oswestry.

Organised by Shropshire Council's Travel Shropshire Team and held at the Oswestry campus of Walford and North Shropshire College, the event was billed as a chance for people to get answers to their cycling questions, and get new ideas about where they can ride.

Claire Wild, Shropshire Council's Cabinet member for highways and transport, said: "The event was a great way for people, especially the young, to find out about how they can start cycling on their regular jour-

neys to school, the shops or to see friends."

Rod Thomson, Shropshire Council's director of public health, said: "Cycling is a great way of becoming and staying physically active. With almost one in five 11-year-olds and many adults over a healthy weight, cycling is an enjoyable way of making a positive difference in your life."

Emma Bullard, part of the Travel Shropshire team, said: "Dr Bike was very busy and people really seemed to enjoy the paper round course."

For information on other cycling events visit www.travelshropshire.co.uk

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THE SKY IS THE LIMIT

"The aim of education is the knowledge, not of facts, but of values" - William Ralph Inge

Mrs Pam Edwards, the new Headteacher of Holy Trinity C of E Primary School Oswestry is pleased to announce that following a Monitoring Visit from Her Majesty's Inspectors the school has been removed from its Special Measures category.

During the Monitoring Visit they found no inadequacies in Teaching and Learning, Behaviour or Leadership and Management. Therefore the visit became a Section 5 OFSTED Inspection, the results of which will be known soon. Mrs Edwards said "This is fantastic news and means that the school can now continue to move forward." "The Sky is the Limit"

Holy Trinity Church of England Primary School prides itself on its dedicated and hardworking staff. The children are happy at school and feel safe and secure. They are encouraged to be kind to each other and to be polite and learn positive values for the future.

The school is a Church of England primary school, is totally inclusive and welcomes children from all religions. The children learn through a "Creative Curriculum" which

involves the children in many school trips and hands on learning. The children benefit from having large outdoor spaces and also a Forest School area. They are encouraged to look after their environment through gardening clubs and Forest School activities which they greatly enjoy.

On behalf of all the staff, Interim Executive Board and myself I would like to wish our Year 6 children well as they move to their secondary schools in September.

GOOD LUCK and BEST WISHES for the future.

We also look forward to welcoming our new children into Nursery and Reception.

Visits to the school are welcomed. Please telephone the school office on 01691 654832/652810 or email admin@holytrinity.shropshire.sch.uk to make an appointment.



BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

Boots the chemists penned the slogan "Here Come The Girls" and Prime Minister David Cameron this week adopted the message in a bid to save his political career.

Cameron promoted a raft of female ministers in a dramatic reshuffle of his cabinet as he focused his entire government on trying to win the next election.

Some good men, included our own MP Owen Paterson, were sacrificed with the PM claiming the reshuffle was about 'putting in place a team that continues to deliver the long term economic plan and ensures a brighter future for all'.

To me it smacked of desperate measures being taken before it becomes too late as unpopular figures such as Michael Gove were shown no mercy in the cull. Gove was replaced by the impressive Nicky Morgan while the promotion of the delightful Esther McVey is a blatant attempt to win back the teaching vote.

Don't forget every Conservative candidate will have at least 1,000 constituents employed in the education system - votes the Tories just can't afford to lose.

The changes mean there are now six women sitting in or attending Cabinet - a third of all Tories around the Cabinet table.

It's a brave move by the PM but a clever one too. He clearly felt there would be no majority with his current team and needed the country to see him show a determined lead.

You can't help but feel sorry for Owen Paterson who lost his job as Environment Minister. The North Shropshire MP landed the role after a difficult spell in Northern Ireland and could not have foreseen the problems with flooding and badgers when he shuffled himself behind his new desk.

The good thing is we will now see a lot more of Mr Paterson as he goes about his work as a backbench MP again.

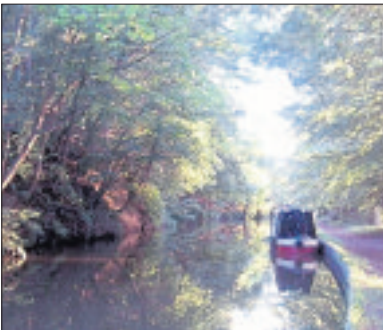
News of a savage attack by a pitbull on a young pup in Welshpool town centre will be no surprise to residents who will have seen the animal being paraded on the streets.

Police have appealed for witnesses but they know who owns this animal and must surely take urgent action. This was a particularly nasty incident and the danger is that it will be a child attacked the next time. The owner must show more responsibility.

By the way I am delighted to see that Dyfed Powys Police are threatening to prosecute tractor drivers who refuse to pull over when they cause tailbacks. I've been banging on for weeks about the very subject.



Work underway on the restoration of the Montgomery Canal



The stunning Llangollen Canal at Ellesmere attracts thousands of tourists every year



The popular Montgomery Canal at Maesbury Marsh

WORKING FOR YOU



Glyn Davies MP

Sometimes MPs have to take decisions when they are faced with pressure from conflicting principles. I write this column as I'm faced with just such a position.

Today we are driving through the 'Data Retention and Investigatory Powers Bill.' It is a Government bill that has caused concern to many of my constituents, who have emailed me to ask me to rebel.

This is no surprise. I have my own concerns about the speed at which the Bill is being bulldozed through. On one hand I instinctively oppose giving 'Big Brother' powers to Government agencies, but on the other hand our first duty as MPs is to protect the public from harm.

I simply cannot vote in a way which may well put at risk the safety of the people I represent. I have never known a bill to be rushed through all the stages of the law making procedure in a single day before. Usually a bill takes months to go through the process.

Better

What has happened today is unheard of. I do think it would have been far better if this had been done before the last week before summer recess.

The position is that without this legislation, the ability of law enforcement and intelligence agencies to detect crime and keep us safe would deteriorate seriously.

The new law will not give any new powers or rights of access to information to Government and law enforcement agencies. It will simply ensure that communications data continues to be available, as it has been in the past, and currently is.

Because it is such a sensitive issue, the Government has been prepared to go ahead only with the support of the other main parties including the Labour opposition. David Cameron, Ed Miliband and Nick Clegg all voted for the Bill.

While concerns about the rush in passing this Bill are understandable, very few MPs were willing to strengthen the forces of evil that wish to inflict harm on our people.

Call to get behind canal networks' restoration

Enthusiasts are working to restore the area's network of lost canals. PAM KINGSLEY reports

THEY were the motorways and railways of their day – the only way to move everything from coal to cotton around the country cheaply and efficiently.

But when the railways came, followed by the internal combustion engine, many of Britain's canals were abandoned.

Eventually they were drained, filled in and forgotten. Now the Canal & River Trust is calling on people in Shropshire and Mid Wales to get behind plans to restore some of the county's lost canals.

The trust highlights 98 "lost" canals, including the Montgomery Canal, which ran from Welshpool to the Llangollen Canal; the Whitechurch arm of the Llangollen Canal; Plas Kynaston Canal, which links the Llangollen Canal and the world famous Pontcysyllte Aqueduct; and the Shropshire Union Canal, between Shrewsbury, Newport and Norbury Junction, which was officially abandoned in 1944.

Precious

Richard Parry, chief executive of the Canal & River Trust, said: "There are hundreds of miles of abandoned waterways. Each played a role in making Britain the world's first industrial nation and many are being lovingly restored by dedicated volunteers."

"Sadly there are still too many miles of precious canal in need of restoration but the lesson from the canal restoration movement of the last 50 years shows just what can be achieved if enough people get behind an idea."



Cruising on the Llangollen Canal is a popular activity

More than 1,200 people have joined the Shrewsbury & Newport Canals Trust, which was formed in 2000 to bring the line back into use.

Most of the route has been filled in. However, a small section in Newport could be back in water before too long, thanks to volunteers who have been working since January to dig out the locks long buried near the town's bypass.

The project also involves bringing the canal, which opened in 1797, back into Shrewsbury as well as creating a visitor centre at the historic Wappenshall Wharf, just outside Telford.

To the west of the county, the Montgomery Canal has been highlighted by the Canal & River Trust as "one of the most important canals in the country for nature".

The Montgomery Waterway Resto-

ration Trust and British Waterways have been working to restore the canal, and last month refilled 450metres from Redwith Bridge to Pryces Bridge, near Llynclys, which had been derelict since 1935.

Project manager Mike Friend, said: "The significance of this added section is that it will advance the restoration of the next section of canal to Crickheath Wharf where boats will be able to turn round. Plans to restore the full length of the canal are still ongoing, and last year we received a £160,000 development grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund."

The canal runs for 33 miles between England and Wales, and the project aims to fully restore the canal and bring boats back into the area for the first time in 80 years.

Although the main part of the Llan-

gollen Canal has remained open thanks to its importance to the area's tourism, parts of the original line of the Whitechurch arm have been built over.

The Whitechurch Waterway Trust has been planning a new waterway for several years which will enable boats to enter the heart of the town. Some of the original canal has already been restored and the plans will extend this and reopen a canal basin within the town.

Linked with the Llangollen Canal, the trust says Plas Kynaston Canal has "great restoration potential". Volunteers on the project are aiming to reopen half a mile of the canal and reconnect the village of Cefn Mawr to the inland waterway network.

Mr Parry said: "Over 200 miles of canals have been restored since the turn of the millennium. These restorations have brought prosperity to communities, boosted property prices and helped local people to lead active, healthy lifestyles."

"We want more people to appreciate the importance of these historic canals and play their part in supporting and championing the heroic efforts of local canal restoration groups."

The Shropshire Union Canal runs 66 miles from Ellesmere Port to Wolverhampton and was completed in 1835.

Branched

It branched off at Norbury Junction, near Newport, through the town and ran all the way to Shrewsbury.

But much of that route has been covered over after the canal was officially abandoned in 1944. Since 2000 the Shrewsbury and Newport Canals Trust has been working to restore the line.

Members are currently restoring a section of the canal at Meretown Locks in Newport.

The Canal & River Trust has published an online map highlighting the country's lost waterways. Visit <http://canalrivertrust.org.uk/restoration>

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CAN I GET COMPENSATION FOR FALL ON SLIPPERY DECKING?

Q: A few weeks ago I went to a local pub, entering across a decked area which was wet and extremely slippery following heavy rain. As I stepped onto the decking I slipped and heard a bone crack in my leg. My husband took me to hospital where they confirmed a break and put my leg in plaster. As I deliver parcels for a living I cannot currently work. Can I claim compensation from the pub owners?

A: The decking may have been slippery because of the rain or because it had not been regularly washed down to clear any build-up of mould caused by the microorganisms that constantly float through the air.

Whether it is a brewery, manager or pub tenant, someone will have a responsibility to regularly inspect all surfaces which are accessible by the public and to ensure that no serious risk of injury is posed? "to see that the visitor will be reasonably safe in using the premises".

Photographs showing any mould and, if possible, confirmation from any eye witnesses as to the state of the decking the night you slipped on it will be useful in establishing whether there was a problem significant enough for someone to be held liable for your accident.

As you work and have had to take time off work as a result of the injury, any loss of earnings would be part of any claim for compensation for your injuries.

An issue in any claim is who is responsible for the upkeep of the pub. For example, is it owned by a brewery and managed? Whoever is the "occupier" will be liable. They may say that maintenance or cleaning was entrusted to an independent contractor who could then be liable.

You should contact your local personal injury solicitor who can help you through the claims process.

Further information relating to this question is available from John Hulme, a Partner with GHP Legal.

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Badger vaccine claim is wrong

IN an article reporting the views of 19 vets about what they regard as a flawed badger cull, I'm quite sure that the comment by Owen Paterson that 'there is not a vaccine that works on badgers' was accurately reported and I'm also sure that it is untrue.

The BCG vaccine has been, and still is, the cornerstone of controlling tuberculosis in humans in this country and elsewhere in the world, notably in India, for which the British Government is providing funds. A Government research establishment in Surrey has modified BCG for use on badgers by strengthening the dose, and another Government facility in Gloucestershire has carried out a three year trial to prove the vaccine is efficient.

Both units are part of Defra, for which Mr Paterson is the Secretary of State, and a few days earlier one of his junior ministers, George Eustace, had been explaining the benefits of badger vaccination so there is ample information close to Mr Paterson that badger vaccination is worthwhile.

This begs the question: Did he make this incorrect statement deliberately or does he simply not understand the subject?

Either way, it was completely misleading for farmers and public alike but can we expect a correction and apology? I seriously doubt it.

JIM ASHLEY
Shropshire Badger Group

Dangers at the junction

I see work is about to commence on the roundabout at the Mile End service station at a cost of over £4 million.

Down the road is the Maesbury Road Junction where there has been dozens of accidents and three or more deaths. When asked about improving the junction years ago the Highways Agency said there was a lack of funds. There has been some 'improvement' recently, a speed limit of 50mph through this junction which is ignored. Well done Highways Agency!

M EDWARDS
Oswestry

Federal Europe is still massive threat

AGAIN I am accused of scaremongering over a federal Europe, of twisting facts, the language and the meaning of words.

I suppose that going from the Common Market to a federal Europe is a bit of a linguistic leap.

But I am sure I am not alone in thinking it is now more "federal" than it is "common".

I will be extremely happy to be proved wrong by events.

When it is clear that federal Europe will not be dumping the name England I will be ecstatic.

When I am proved to be crying wolf regarding the federal police force's lawful, ability to cross the borders of nation states in the union and detain any person without needing to have reference to a judge, my joy will be unconfined.

If this police force eventually disappears, unprotected by immunity from prosecution, I will be delighted.

When federal Europe hands over all of its law-making and legislation abilities back to the elected parliaments of the nation states, declares the CAP to be unfair and unworkable and the

two venues in Brussels and Strasbourg wasteful and the 11 working languages of the organisation farcical I will be terminally ruptured with rapture!

I wrote the above in June 2002 - 12 years ago!

The only wrong prediction is the removal of the name England but I still have the official map of federal Europe which fails to include it.

The score as it stands after those 12 years?

Federal Europe 12 - Democracy 0.
BOB WYDELL
Oswestry

Tea party fun for cancer charity

THE strawberry season has finally arrived and I'm writing to ask your readers to host a Strawberry Tea party for Breast Cancer Care - the only UK-wide specialist support charity.

A strawberry tea is simple. Just spoil your guests with sweet treats, add some fragrant strawberries, keep the tea flowing and ask for a donation in return.

I believe my sister, Lynn, who had breast cancer, would have been delighted with a Strawberry Tea. She delighted in everything that life offers, from Scrabble to strawberries and she always used to mimic our mother Rachel: "It's only a little sugar and a little cream and butter."

So I say: Let's start baking for a strawberry tea. Through holding a strawberry tea for Breast Cancer Care you can ensure that everyone facing this devastating disease has someone to turn to for information and support.

Whatever you raise will make a huge difference - just £2 provides a headscarf for a woman who has lost her hair during treatment.

To register go to www.breastcancercare.org.uk/kettle anytime before August 31, or call 0870 164 9422.

VANESSA REDGRAVE, CBE

Animal tests on increase

WHEN this government came to power it pledged to reduce the number of animals used in vivisection. But the number of experiments in 2013 was the highest in nearly 30 years.

There is an attempt to conceal the bad news by suggesting that the exponential increase in the use of genetically modified (GM) animals does not somehow represent animal suffering.

But, as Animal Aid's investigations have shown, GM animals are subjected to some of the most horrific tortures imaginable.

ISOBEL HUTCHINSON
Animal Aid

Twinning agreement signed by mayor



Oswestry's town mayor, Mr John Cassin, signs the twinning charter with French town Combs-la-Ville in May, 1981. It shows the twinning ceremony at Castle Bank, Oswestry. A large party of French visitors were there for the signing of the agreement.

Appeal for witnesses in Back Lane

ON July 4, between 4-4.30pm, I turned into Back Lane, Montgomery, on my way to the doctors' surgery. A woman in a car coming the other way had no intention of reversing to avoid a possible accident.

Getting out of her car, she walked up to me to bully me into reversing.

She lost her temper, locked her car where it blocked the road, and stomped away. Meanwhile traffic was building up.

The police do not act on the word of one person, but if anyone else who witnessed the incident, or who has a CCTV camera covering the area, is prepared to come forward, they are prepared to speak to the woman.

ROSEMARY HART
Church Stoke

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Minister should be called to account

AFTER the badger cull, secretary of state Owen Paterson and Defra had the perfect opportunity to prove their contention that badgers are the cause of the spread of bovine TB in cattle.

All they needed to do was test the dead badgers, or a random sample of the dead badgers. Apparently they killed about 2,000 and tested only four.

Even now there has been no report that these four badgers had the disease.

Mr Paterson advocates further badger culling with no direct proof that badgers are a significant reservoir for bovine TB. He should be called to account by Parliament for failure to test a significant number of the culled badgers.

JUNE MCCARTHY
Oswestry

The genius of Owen is so evident

I want to thank reporter Pam Kingsley for her article reminding us about the Oswestry genius Wilfred Owen.

I have only lived in this area for a year but I came here having already fallen in love with Owen's poetry when I was a young man.

I came across it whilst studying music at Westhill College, Selly Oak in the late 60s.

As a young man, I found it so moving, as I still do. Here was someone who gave his life in the Great War but wrote about it in a deeply sensitive and insightful way.

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Visitors having fun at the concert and fireworks spectacular



A spectacular firework display thrilled crowds at the event

Fireworks and fun

FAMILIES were treated to a spectacular lights and fireworks show at the famous Pontcysyllte Aqueduct as a concert took place underneath its impressive arches last Friday evening.

The aqueduct, at the heart of the Unesco World Heritage site which covers Llangollen and Chirk, near Oswestry, was bathed in coloured light and bright explosions for the annual Under the Arches summer celebration.

by David Banner

Families from throughout the area brought along picnic hampers, deck chairs and rugs to enjoy the view from the field below the famous monument's 126ft tall arches.

During the evening live music was provided by local musicians including headline act The Big Beat, who have worked with the likes of James Corden, Diana Vickers, The Kooks, and The Fratellis.

Before them, the crowds enjoyed a mix of motown, 80s and funk courtesy of Rhythm Train, as well as performances by covers band The

Avenues and Wrexham singer/songwriter Luke Gallagher. To get the crowd in the mood for the grand fireworks finale, Wrexham radio station Calon FM led a very loud countdown to the first firework being set off as the Thomas Telford-built aqueduct was bathed in a sea of multi colours.

Earlier, younger visitors enjoyed funfair rides while a variety of food and drink stalls were available on Acrefair FC's football field to keep people of all ages fed and watered.

The event was helping to raise funds for Nightingale House – the sister charity to Oswestry's Hope House Children's Hospice.



It was a night of celebration and entertainment for all ages to enjoy

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In today's competition we have two pairs of two-day tickets up for grabs for this year's Shrewsbury Flower Show, which has taken place at the heart of Shrewsbury town centre every August for more than a century. The first prize winner will also get the chance to meet two of the UK's finest classically trained young tenors – the Opera Boys and receive a signed copy of their new album.

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Foodies pack into town centre

by Sue Austin

DOZENS of producers lined the streets of Oswestry to tempt thousands of visitors with their wares at the town's eighth annual Food and Drink Festival.

The free festival ran throughout Saturday and yesterday and proved another big success.

Oswestry Mayor Councillor John Gareth got proceedings formally under way on Saturday by performing a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10am in Cross Street, outside the Toni & Guy hairdressers.

By then the main streets in Oswestry Town Centre, including Cross Street, Bailey Street and New Street, were already lined with food and drink stalls.

A Food Festival Fringe also took place outside the main shopping area as TV chef Marcus Bean launched his pop-up restaurant at Scholars in Walford & North Shropshire College, Shrewsbury Road on Saturday.

There was also beer tasting in the afternoons on both days at the Old Station and demonstrations of cookery, knife skills, bread making and Persian cuisine at specialist cook shop Upstairs Downstairs in Leg Street.

The Oswestry Food and Drink Festival is organised by a small band of townspeople who aim to showcase the food and talent in and around Oswestry and the Borders while staging a fun day for all.

Festival director John Waine is the director of The Best Of Oswestry which promotes businesses and events in and around Oswestry while chairman Yossi Glicksman is one of the town's most respected and retailers.

Mr Glicksman, owner of Upstairs Downstairs which staged the food demonstrations, said the festival had grown into one of the area's major attractions and was a weekend to celebrate the best food and drink the area had to offer.

"The focus is on local produce and we are proud that Oswestry is able to host such a



Jayne Swift and Hannah Morgan, from Swift's Bakery were kept busy



Alison and Nathan Clegg-Jones from Alison's Treats



Streets were packed with eager shoppers looking for a bargain all weekend



A wide variety of food and drink was on display

great event," he said. "You can only estimate how many more people it attracted to Oswestry over the two days but we reckon it must be between 8,000 and 10,000."

Mr Waine said: "It's probably the most chilled food festival on the planet with a great atmosphere and properly local. It has been absolutely magnificent, and we are attracting more and more people in from far and wide."

"Why wouldn't we be local when we have some of the best food and drink producers in the country on our doorstep? We are now in

our eighth year and have become a firm fixture on Oswestry's calendar. We can't wait for next year."

"It has been a magnificent weekend. The weather was wonderful, as it always seems to be for the festival and the atmosphere was tremendous."

"What was really noticeable was that there seems to be a lot of people from outside the area visiting the festival. Yes there were the local people, but there were also hundreds of visitors."

"I think that after eight years Oswestry food festival really is now established as a great place to be and people travelled from North Wales, Cheshire, Staffordshire, Shrewsbury and interestingly, Ludlow to visit."

"The general view was that people like that the food festival is in the streets and that you don't have to pay to get in. There is a continental, promenade feeling about the event, it's a great place to wander around, meeting people a good place to spend the weekend and take the kids."

"Also people are often having their first taste of Oswestry and are so impressed many say they will return for a future visit. That includes not only the visitors but some of the exhibitors that we had new this year. They were very taken with our market town and want to visit as tourists themselves. That can only be good for Oswestry and its economy."

"We must thank Oswestry Town Council for its cooperation, P.S. Electrics for all the work that it does, and particularly to all the volunteers who help steward the event."

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NEWS
in briefFormer mayor
hands over cash

WELSHPOOL'S former mayor has handed over £1,060 to the MS Society. Councillor John Meredith, Mayor in Welshpool from May 2012 to May 2014, raised money for his chosen charities during his term of office.

A cheque for £1,060 was presented to the Montgomeryshire Branch of the MS Society at a tea held at Lakeside Golf Club near Montgomery. The money was raised mainly through coffee mornings with various sponsored events.

Store scraps pay
and display charge

A SUPERMARKET will be dropping charges for shoppers in a bid to encourage more people into the town.

Morrisons on Berriew Street, Welshpool, has also decided to remove all of its trolley locks, so customers will no longer have to find a £1 coin to release a trolley. Manager Matt Costello said customers will get two hours' free parking.

Gang are all set to
get going again

THE 2014 Summer Play-scheme run by the Welshpool Get Going Gang starts next Tuesday at 10am at Oldford School, running for five weeks and ending on August 22.

Contact Liz Gannon on 01938 555269.

Dairy campaigners vow to co-operate with farmer

Pam Kingsley

CAMPAIGNERS against a super dairy farm near Welshpool have accepted that they can do nothing to stop the development and are now planning to "make the most of a bad situation".

Up to 60 people attended the meeting called by local action group CALFe at Leighton Village Hall last Thursday after an appeal against the dairy by the World Society for the Protection of Animals was dismissed last month.

At the meeting members decided that as they now have no further legal challenges to pursue they will try to work with farmer Fraser Jones to get the best outcome for both sides.

A spokeswoman for the group said: "We talked about it's the end of the line for a legal challenge. We put the suggestion out that we have a group of volunteers to work with Powys County Council and Fraser to make sure we get the best for the village."

"When the group is set up we want to involve Fraser and the council and have a meeting about working together. It would be great if he is willing to have a dialogue with us."

"The whole village us disappointed about what happened. We're now trying to stay together and try to make sure it's done as well as it can be, and to make the most of a bad situation."

Mr Jones plans to build the 1,000-cow dairy at Lower Leighton Farm at Leighton, near Welshpool, following a six-year fight to get planning permission. Plans for the dairy include a large fodder storage unit, a huge water storage tower and two slurry silos.

Mr Jones, 31, has said work will begin on the £3.5 million dairy "within weeks" and will take up to five years. The plan is expected to create several jobs in construction and in the dairy once it's up and running.

Town crier's visit to club

MONTGOMERY town crier Sue Blower was guest speaker at Welshpool and District Visual Impaired Club.

Sue, who recently received the Freeman of the town of Montgomery, arrived dressed in full regalia with a collection of bells and poems and gave an excellent account of the duties she performs in her role.

She also told stories of her life as a nurse in America and then Africa where she nursed sick babies and entertained the audience by playing guitar and singing.

The members wished Sue well in the World Championships for Town Criers to be held in August at Chester when she will be one of two criers to represent Wales.

She is also organising a competition in Montgomery this month when town criers from across the country will compete for the Trefaldwyn Trophy.

Bumper turnout for show



John Roberts, from Forden, on his 1951 Nuffield

A VILLAGE show, which was relaunched five years ago after almost a 50 year break, enjoyed a bumper turnout with more entrants and visitors than ever.

Middletown Show, which took place on Saturday, featured a tug-of-war, competitions, a dog show, a hog roast and an evening disco.

There was also a floral art and handicrafts competition and the local young farmers club organised a mixture of traditional games for children including egg throwing and sack races.

Jill Corfield, show treasurer, said: "We had a show in the village about 50 years ago, but it stopped. Then about five years ago we decided to resurrect it and it has gone from strength to strength. This year we had approximately 500 people attend, which is fantastic."

"We had more than 100 entries in the dog show classes alone, which was wonderful. It is a proper family county show for local people."

Car seat safety checks on offer

RESIDENTS in the Welshpool area who use a child car seat can have them checked out for free during August to ensure that they are fitted correctly.

Powys County Council's road safety unit checked 217 child car seats during 2013 and found that 181 had faults, all of which were rectified by trained road safety officers.

The vast majority of these faults found included wrong seatbelt routing, twisted belts or loose seats which may contribute to serious injuries in the event of a vehicle crash.

A car seat clinic will be held on August 4 at Coedy-Dinas, Welshpool, and no appointments are necessary.

Councillor John Powell, cabinet member responsible for road safety, said: "Every year around 100,000 children in the UK are involved in collisions and the fitting of their car seat can have a serious impact on whether or not they are injured."

"The road safety officers check the car seat to see if it is suitable for your child and if it is compatible with your vehicle. If the seat or the harness needs to be adjusted, our officers are trained to show parents or carers how to fit the seat correctly."

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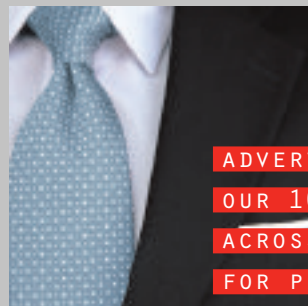
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Courses will help improve reserve

PARTICIPANTS in a green woodworking course will be helping to improve a nature reserve in Welshpool during the summer.

Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust and Cwm Harry have teamed up to offer an opportunity for people to learn green wood working skills and create a new seating area at the Severn Farm Pond Reserve in Welshpool. The green wood work course will run on July 30 and August 6 and 20.

Mel Chandler, community partnerships officer for the trust, said: "We are really looking forward to using some new greenwood seats at this well used site. The new seats will be carved with various species of insects which are threatened due mainly to habitat loss and overuse of pesticides."

"This course will not only teach participants about the basic skills of green wood-working but will inspire all those taking part to understand more about how we can help our bees and other pollinating insects as well as making some beautiful items to take home."

Cwm Harry, an environmental charity, has teamed up with MWT to help deliver some of these sessions. For more information see www.cwmharryskills.org.uk or ring (01686) 626234.

£200,000 more invested in water supply repair work

MORE than £200,000 will be spent on further improvements to Welshpool's water system after a flurry of burst pipes and supply interruptions.

Severn Trent will carry out the improvements in Welshpool after the town's water supply suffered numerous problems last year.

by Iain St John

It led to the company bringing forward work on Gungrog Road as there were interruptions to the supply to the hospital and local primary school.

The company is now returning to carry out the rest of the originally planned work on Gungrog Hill and Salop Road.

The work will involve a series of road closures, but Severn Trent bosses say they will do their best to keep disruption down to a minimum.

Severn Trent Water's programme engineer, Dave Kiernan said: "We'd like to thank the residents of Welshpool for their patience while we completed the work in Gungrog Road - we hope they will be as patient with us this time too."

"All of the bursts and supply interruptions last year show exactly why we need to do this work."

"We want to provide our

customers with a reliable water supply, and replacing these old and worn out pipes is absolutely necessary for us to do this."

"This time we're installing an extra two and a half kilometres of new pipes."

Mr Kiernan said the firm wanted to hear the public's thoughts on the plans.

He said: "We're holding a customer drop in exhibition on July 22 at Welshpool High School, Gungrog Hill, between 4pm and 7pm where our customers can meet the team and ask any questions they may have."

The first part of work starts in early August on Gungrog Hill and moves down the hill in 100 metre sections. This will take about two weeks and the road will need to be closed, along with some of the side roads and footpaths in the area. Diversions will be signposted.

Castle labyrinth challenge offered



The labyrinth on the lawns at Powis Castle

The team of gardeners at Powis Castle have unveiled a new attraction in their world famous garden - a 51m wide Greek style labyrinth which has been cut into the great lawn.

A labyrinth is very similar to a maze but rather than having many dead ends, all routes lead to the centre, albeit often by the most complex and winding of routes. To reach the centre

of this labyrinth at Powis Castle, visitors will have to follow 854m of path.

The earliest turf Labyrinth dates back to 550 AD but they remained very popular until the 17th century.

Ruth Scutter, spokeswoman for Powis Castle, which is run by the National Trust, said: "As part of the National Trust's campaign '50 things to do before you're 11 and ¾' we're en-

couraging children to do it barefooted and tick off number 24 from their lists 'Go on a walk barefoot'.

"The 50 things campaign is free. You can pick up a 50 things scrapbook and stickers for every task you complete at any National Trust property or visit www.50things.org.uk to unlock special certificates, games, hidden secret challenges and rewards."

NEWS in brief

Fire authority's work commended

FIRE chiefs in Mid Wales have been commended for the strides they are making in reducing house fires and road traffic accidents.

The improvements over the last 12 months by Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority has been recognised in a new Wales Audit Office report.

The report made no formal recommendations and concluded that the authority is managing its improvement programme well.

Chief Fire Officer Chris Davies said: "It is very encouraging and particularly reassuring that no formal recommendations were made in this report."

Racer Watkins in rally success

WELSHPOOL'S James Watkins and Bettws-y-Coed's Caron Tomlinson finished third in class on the Nicky Grist Stages car rally on Saturday in the forests around Builth Wells.

The event was held at the Royal Welsh Showground and featured eight dusty stages.

The pair moved to second in the BTDA Rally and James to within a point of the lead of the Welsh Junior Championship. "I've really enjoyed the event - Caron was brilliant on the route notes and the stages," said James.

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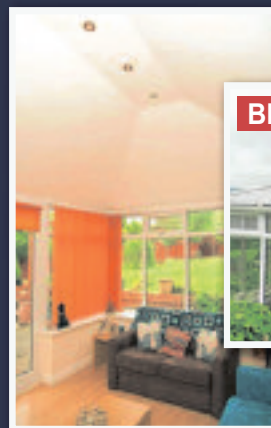
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NEWS
in briefAfternoon tea is
for forces charity

LOCAL residents in Oswestry are invited to a charity afternoon to help raise funds for Help for Heroes.

The event, hosted by Shropshire Towns and Rural Housing, is being held tomorrow (Friday) from 2pm to 4pm at the community room at Llwynfields Sheltered Housing Scheme, off Llwyn Road. An afternoon tea will be served alongside a variety of fundraising activities, including cake stalls, raffle and prize bingo.

Wendy Bostock, housing support officer, said: "We want to raise as much money as we can for Help for Heroes."

Council leads the
way on decisions

POWYS County Council is leading the way in a new approach to how local authorities will operate.

The Mid Wales council, along with Brecon Beacons National Park Authority, has signed up as "early adopters" of a bill that will require public bodies to look at what they do in the long term as part of their decision-making.

Supporters say it will be one of a few laws of its kind anywhere in the world and will place a duty on public bodies to make decisions that leave a positive legacy for future generations.

Police seeking witnesses as puppy fights for life

by Andrew Morris

A PUPPY was left fighting for its life after being attacked by a pitbull in a town centre car park.

Josh Langford's 13-week old Staffy pup Stella was attacked in Welshpool's Berriew Street Car Park and had to be rushed to the vets for surgery after suffering a number of puncture wounds.

Mr Langford said he initially feared for his own safety after a gang of men ordered the dog to attack.

AM concerned over shake-up

MONTGOMERYSHIRE Assembly Member Russell George says he is concerned there are no plans to have a dedicated farming and environment minister at the Welsh Government following the sacking of Alun Davies.

Mr George said the lack of an agriculture minister may lead to a failure to effectively scrutinise farming issues.

Mr Davies, who had the portfolio for natural resources and food, was sacked for putting pressure on civil servants for private information about opposition AMs.

Mr George, who is also the shadow minister for agriculture and natural resources, said that the actions of Mr Davies had been 'inexcusable' and there was no possibility of him remaining in his job.

Mr George said: "It is concerning that there will be no dedicated ministerial lead on agricultural and environment issues."

He said: "It was terrifying, I am certain it was a deliberate attack as the dog was not on a lead and I heard the command 'go go'. It was like he was showing his friends what it could do."

"Its owner was drinking alcohol with four other men in the car park at about 3pm on Sunday."

He added: "It was bouncing poor Stella on the ground like a rag doll. We were screaming at the men to help get the dog off but they just laughed. Eventually they opened its jaws but it took two of them to pull it off Stella. We then had to take Stella for an emergency operation at the vets."

He added: "Over the past two days we have received the guy's name and address and a lot of people have had a run-in with him so something needs to be done before another animal, or a small child, is seriously injured or worse."

Sian George, Dyfed-Powys Police spokeswoman, said: "At approximately 2.26pm on Sunday a report was received that a dog had attacked a puppy in Berriew Street, Welshpool."

Anyone who witnessed the incident or has information is asked to contact police by calling 101.

Mixed views on new store



Local resident, Steve Howarth, takes a look at the plans

PLANS for a second low cost supermarket have been welcomed in Oswestry though there are traffic concerns.

Aldi, which already has a branch in Oswestry, has plans to open a second on its outskirts, creating up to 40 jobs.

The company held a consultation event last Thursday to gather opinions and answer any questions.

Many of the visitors appeared to be pleased with the plans, although some expressed concerns over the on traffic moving in and out of the shop's proposed car park entrance on Shrewsbury Road.

Ronald Hughes, 73, said he would be very happy to see the plans put into action.

But Bill Rowland, from Greystones Way, said: "It's a very poor location for a new store, mainly because of the traffic issues."

Representatives from Aldi said they were pleased with the number of people who attended the event.

Council's website is being revamped

POWYS County Council will launch a new website after feedback from the public said the old one was not easy to use.

Bosses hope the new format will encourage the public to use the site to answer queries, rather than calling staff.

The move comes as the council says the way it works and provides services to the public will have to change forever because of huge budget cuts.

The new council website will be launched on Thursday next week.

The new site will take over the current website, and has been developed in response to feedback from the public.

Councillor Garry Banks, cabinet member for customer services, said: "We are pleased to be launching our newly designed website after many months of planning."

"The new site will make it easier to find information. We have written new content using plain English and Welsh, and made sure our content is up to date."

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The site will still be at www.powys.gov.uk

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John Gough and Andrew (Biggles) Williams enjoying a chat

RAISING CHARITY CASH



Mayor and Mayoress Councillor and Mrs Malcolm Douglas, with Ted Jones, Jack Ellis and Roy Ellis



Linda Robbins and Lucy Willis enjoying the fun at the charity event. Pictures by COLIN ROGERS



Harry Gannon and Keith Wareham were on hand to greet visitors



Jamey Jones, Anne Lewis and Jackie Roberts enjoy the beer. Pictures by COLIN ROGERS

THE Montgomeryshire Parachute Regiment held its seventh annual fundraiser at Maesydre School in Welshpool on Saturday.

Money raised in past years went to Help For Heroes and the Afghanistan Trust along with local causes but this year's event was just in aid of The Airborne Forces.

Nicola Davies, one of the organisers, said: "We had some fantastic bands and singers playing on the day including Billy Spencer and his band, Dai Robs, Steve Edwards, Storm, Static Attic and Fourhit to name just a few.

"There were food stalls, a bar, bouncy castles and it's a knockout."

This year's event clashed with Bishops Castle Beer Festival and a couple of other big social events in the Welshpool area meaning organisers will look at a new date before plan-

by Graham Breeze

ning next year's fundraising activities. "It may well be that we look at an earlier date next year," said Mrs Davies. "But despite the clashes with other events it was still a very successful day and was well attended."

Having raised thousands of pounds for charities including Help for Heroes and The Afghanistan Trust, organisers decided to turn their attention this year to a lesser known, yet equally worthy charity called The Airborne Services. Other local charities will also benefit.

"This is the seventh year that we have raised funds for charities that support retired or injured servicemen," said Mrs Davies. "The first four years were aimed at raising money for Help the Heroes and the last two years we have given to The Afghanistan Trust."



A quiet moment for Brent Parry

NEWS
in brief

Swishing parties
are good green fun

RECYCLE for Wales is inviting people to make the most of the summer holidays by being green and saving money.

The organisation and Powys County Council have drawn up a list of activities and ideas to enjoy during the summer.

Top of the list is to make use of old clothes discovered in wardrobes and cupboards while sorting out clothes for holidays.

Melanie Amor from Powys County Council said: "Why not hold a swishing party? Get a group of your friends together to bring a selection of clothing they no longer want and get swapping."

Blood patients
praised by MP

MP Glyn Davies has hailed the work of patients on long-term warfarin who monitor their own blood clotting level.

Mr Davies is the chairman of the All Party Parliamentary Group on atrial fibrillation, and said he was pleased to promote the work of NHS health professionals who have helped people use devices to monitor themselves.

He said: "Self-monitoring devices are a safe, convenient and accurate way to provide a blood clotting level and takes less than a minute to complete."

Fears more homes will turn village into a town

by Iain St John

PLANS for a 22-house estate in a village near Oswestry would turn it into a small town, civic leaders fear.

Parish councillors in Gobowen have lodged their objections to the plans, although the final decision for the homes on land off Fernhill Lane will be taken by Shropshire Council.

Gobowen Parish Council discussed the plans with Councillor Craig Emery saying he was concerned about whether the village needed another housing estate.

Councillor Erica Morgan added that there were already a number of other applications "in the pipeline" for the area. She said schemes which had been completed still had homes available.

Councillor Morgan said: "I would not say people are queuing up to buy in this area."

"I am just concerned that this is not a development we need at this time with the number of other developments we have at this present time."

Councillor Percy Cherrington said he was concerned about the wider effects so many developments were having on Shropshire's villages.

He said: "These are villages we are talking about. The more houses we get built, they don't remain villages, they become small towns."

"We were given a number of houses to be built over five years and I think we have gone over that now"

Councillors agreed to object to the plans and they also agreed to object to plans for the siting of a reception area and a warden's accommodation at Bridleway Caravan Park in Gobowen.

The owners say they want to expand the site to improve facilities for visitors.

Gym spinners raise £3,000

MEMBERS of a gym got pedalling to complete a sponsored spinathon which raised about £3,000 for the Severn Hospice.

The 35 riders, who hailed from Oswestry, Market Drayton, Whitchurch and Shrewsbury, were put through their paces by four instructors from Bodytech Health Clubs, completing a variety of gruelling exercises on the bikes while cycling between them roughly the distance between London and New York.

The challenge took place in Oswestry's Cae Glas Park and lasted for four hours.

Jeff Anderson, managing director of Bodytech Health Clubs, said: "Our spinathons are becoming more popular each year. This is the second we have held in under a month, and the first in Oswestry."

Mike Perry, community fundraising advisor at Severn Hospice, said: "We are truly grateful to Peter and the team."

Group's plea for extra help



Rider Gail Bradley with Baker and some of their prizes

A RIDING for the disabled group is looking to increase its membership and encourage more people to volunteer as helpers.

The Marches RDA group, based at Penycroft Stables in Pant, near Oswestry, travels to events around the county to raise awareness for the Riding For Disabled charity and recently took part in a competition where members rode off with a collection of awards.

Andy Edge, who helps lead the group, said: "Supporters hold fundraising events throughout the year to bring in cash for the charity, while other volunteers help to run the weekly sessions."

"Supporters organise discos and bag packing, and we have eight or nine volunteers to help with the sessions."

"We're always looking for more volunteers."

For more information contact Shropshire RDA on 0845 4507056.

Brigade seeking female recruits

WOMEN are being urged to join Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service and become on-call firefighters.

The county's fire brigade said it wants more females in its ranks, having successfully recruited women in other areas of Shropshire.

Oswestry Fire Station said it wants more females in its ranks, having successfully recruited women in other areas of Shropshire.

Now a taster day at Shrewsbury HQ is being held on Saturday in the hope more women will come forward.

The brigade currently has more than 300 on-call firefighters across 22 rural stations, and the taster day will be a bid to destroy the myth that all firefighters are male.

Organiser Laura Kavanagh-Jones believes female firefighters are nothing new.

She said: "We want to dispel the myths that firefighters have to be large, burly, macho or super strong."

"Women have been firefighters in Shropshire for many years. It's good pay, brings lots of public recognition and you work close to home."

Taster day visitors can talk to women firefighters. The taster day starts at 9.30am.

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Children cheer up patients on ward

YOUNGSTERS from a village school certainly made a difference when they paid a visit to Shropshire's Orthopaedic Hospital.

The 24 students from Criftons Primary School, Ellesmere, were given the opportunity to visit Alice Ward, the children's ward, as a part of their Make a Difference school project.

Aged between seven and nine, the pupils helped brighten up the hospital by donating hand-made get well cards to the children on the ward, as well as decorating pots and planting seeds in the Alice and Sheldon Ward garden.

They were then taken on a tour of Alice Ward by staff, which allowed them to hand deliver their cards to the children being treated there.

Allen Edwards from the hospital said: "The Make a Difference project has created a good partnership between the hospital, Criftons School and local businesses, who also contributed to the project."

"A special thank you to Wilkos and Poundstretcher who kindly donated the flower pots and to Moreton Garden Centre who donated all the seeds."

"And of course, a big thank you to all the children who came to help plant seeds."

Volunteer Carl awarded for services to community

A WELSHPOOL man with heart defects has won an award for services to the community.

Carl Gannon, 24, who also suffers from learning difficulties and ADHD, has been awarded a judges' special recognition award in the Tennant Participation Advisory Scheme Cymru (TPAS) awards.

TPAS Cymru has supported social housing tenants and landlords in Wales for more than 20 years and has a track record in developing effective participation in the community through training, support, practical projects and policy development.

The awards celebrate members of the local community who have aided the development and protection of their own neighbourhoods.

Since the age of 16 Mr Gannon has been involved in various youth groups and charities in the Welshpool area, including the Tenants Association, Millennium Volunteers – for whom he racked up over 200 hours of volunteer work – Welshpool Young Firefighters and the British Heart Foundation.

He is also a committee member for Welshpool Town Football Club.

His work for the club won him the Sportsman of the Year award two years in a row.

by David Meakin

In 2012 he also won a Welshpool Town Council community award.

Carl's mother, Liz Gannon, said: "I'm incredibly proud of Carl and everything he's achieved."

"His work really benefits the community, and although I don't want that to stop, it would be nice for him to get a job he really wants to do."

"He's always applying for jobs and has had several interviews but due to his learning difficulties and lack of confidence never gets the job or doesn't hear anything back."

"It seems as soon as they see he's ticked the box saying he is registered disabled they don't want to know."

"He tries so hard and does a lot of volunteer work. He never sits at home doing nothing."



Carl, pictured with his proud parents Dave and Liz Gannon, has won several awards for his volunteer work

NEWS in brief

Force's car repair bill hits £320,000

WEST Mercia Police spent almost £320,000 repairing vehicles following crashes in the last year, figures reveal today.

And the bill across the border for West Midlands Police ran to more than £1 million, figures obtained through a Freedom of Information request reveals.

West Mercia says it has a scheme called Green Fleet, where it uses spare parts to salvage vehicles that would otherwise be written off. Dave Newbold, head of transport services, said: "Unfortunately, accidents are inevitable, considering the number of vehicles we operate and the scale of the areas that we cover."

Rambling dates in countryside

OSWESTRY Ramblers will explore the countryside surrounding the town this week with two walks.

Tomorrow (Friday) there will be a five-mile moderate walk from Melverley Bridge, passing through Crew Green and Bauxley Hill. Meet at Gatacre car park for 10am departure or call 07818 293401.

On Sunday afternoon the group will take a four-mile walk around Weston Lane, around Hope House Children's Hospice and back to Queen's Road. Meet at Lloyd Street car park for 1.15pm or call (01691) 656165.

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ON THE WILDSIDE

with Ben Waddams

expedition to Tanzania, it was with the confident expectedness of experiencing too the habits and curiosities of the zoological characters in an otherwise human landscape that excited all my senses.

Wandering down the dusty path with my new friend, and endlessly happy and energetic young Tanzanian named Ibrahim, we came across a small, fat lizard. It was instantly recognisable as that most symbolic of all that is weird and wonderful with the equatorial zones of this planet, a chameleon. Its grasping feet made up of a pair of two toes and its eyes independently swivelling on their extended conical bulges. Its tail coiled like a spring initially disguised the fact that its tongue was far more dynamic. That is until we placed him upon a branch and positioned a bizarrely willing grasshopper a few inches away. The eyes now worked in perfect unison gauging with pinpoint accuracy the range of the insect. A slight opening of the mouth before BANG! a flash of pink and the grasshopper was plucked from its perch and inside his jaws.

A great start to a truly memorable trip and confirmation for me that, irrespective of the wonder of Salopian wildlife, I too shall remain blissfully revelling in the glory and fecundity of tropical nature all my days.

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Ben with his young Tanzanian friend Ibrahim, with the chameleon they found

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Property

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Elegant period home in a sought-after area

Bowen Son & Watson are offering a rare chance to snap up an imposing late Victorian residence in a sought-after part of Oswestry. Offering elegant and flexible living space with a host of original features, Croftside, Queens Road, stands in large mature gardens with open views to the south. The detached property is less than five minutes walk from the town centre and other

amenities, while easy access onto the A5/A483 provides a direct link to Shrewsbury, Wrexham and Chester.

A large reception hall leads to the drawing room, which has a stone open fireplace and double doors to the dining room with marble fireplace. There is also a cloakroom, sitting room, open plan kitchen/breakfast room with utility beyond, and a cellar.

Upstairs, the master bedroom has en-suite facilities and bedroom two includes a dressing room, while three further bedrooms share a family bathroom.

The property stands in attractive lawned gardens with a large terrace and ample parking. Priced at £445,000, the agents recommend early viewing – contact Bowen Son & Watson on 01691 652367.



Well-presented four-bedroom residence on outskirts of town

A three-storey semi on the fringe of Chirk is for sale with Town & Country. Well maintained throughout, 5 Chirk Green Gardens includes a hallway, lounge, kitchen/diner, four bedrooms, one en-suite, main bathroom, garage and utility.

To the front is a gravelled garden and driveway with parking for up to four cars. The rear garden is enclosed by fencing and mostly laid to lawn. Priced at £174,950, viewing is recommended – call Town & Country on 01691 679631 to view.



Variety of rural properties and land going under the hammer

Twelve country properties with renovation potential are to go under the hammer at a collective property auction on Friday, July 25.

They include Monbretia, Turfmoor, at Kinnerley (pictured), a four-bed detached bungalow with mature gardens and a 0.8-acre pony paddock, guide price £180,000 to £200,000. There are six further properties on sale as well as five plots of land, mostly in north Shropshire. Contact the Ellesmere office of Halls on 01691 622602 or visit www.hallsestateagents.co.uk to find out more.



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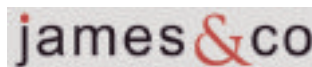
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**Cefn Coch
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- An increasingly rare opportunity to purchase a Residential Smallholding comprising a 2 Bedroom Cottage and land extending to 5.62 acres (2.27 ha) of agricultural land and woodland
- Situated in a truly idyllic rural setting overlooking the Afon Rhaeadr close to the Pistyll Rhaeadr Waterfall
- The cottage itself is in need of some internal modernisation works
- The land could be used for a number of purposes including agricultural, equine or recreational purposes. EPC Rating G



**Berwyn Drive
St Martins** £225,000

- A spacious and well presented 3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Dining Room, Kitchen, Lounge
- 3 Bedrooms and a Luxury Bathroom
- Large paved garden with raised decking area to the rear
- Views towards the Welsh border at the fore
- Off-road parking and access to a secure garage to the front
- Gas C/H, uPVC D/G, fascias & soffits and alarm system. EPC Rating c



**Llanforda Mead
Oswestry** £235,000

- Spacious 3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow situated in a sought after location
- Entrance Hall, Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, landscaped rear garden
- Off-road parking single garage, summerhouse and garden shed
- Gas fired central heating and uPVC double glazing. EPC Rating D



**School Lane
St Martins** £217,500

- Spacious 5 Bedroom Detached House situated within a small cul-de-sac
- Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Large Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen
- 5 First Floor Bedrooms and Family Bathroom
- In a generous plot with large lawned gardens to the front & rear
- Ample off-road parking and an integral garage
- Oil C/H and uPVC double glazing. EPC Rating C



**Nant Lane
Morda** £194,950

- Deceptively spacious Dormer Bungalow set in an elevated position
- Reception Hall, Lounge, Study, Kitchen, Bedroom 1
- Bedroom 2/Dining Room, Ground Floor Bathroom
- Two First Floor Bedrooms and adjoining garage and cloakroom
- The gardens extend around the property with vegetable plots
- Green house and storage shed to the rear.
- uPVC D/G, Gas C/H, cavity wall & roof insulation. EPC Rating D



**Abraham Court
Oswestry** £130,000

- Well positioned 2 Bedroom Ground Floor Retirement Apartment
- The property has the advantage of dual aspect windows
- Having direct access onto the communal gardens
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Bedroom 1
- Bedroom 2/Dining Room and Bathroom
- House Manager, Careline System, Resident's Lounge
- Laundry and Guest Suite. Large communal car park



**Primrose Lane
Pant** £179,995

- Rare opportunity to purchase a spacious Country Cottage
- Set in 0.17 of an acre of gardens
- Significantly improved yet retains a host of original features
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Inner Hallway, Ground Floor Bathroom
- Lounge/Dining Room and 2 First Floor Bedrooms
- Large landscaped gardens with vegetable plots, Workshop & stone garden shed
- Recently installed Oil C/H and majority uPVC windows. EPC Rating



**Penyfoel
Llanymynech** £278,000

- Unique opportunity to purchase a country property in an elevated position
- With spectacular views over the Shropshire borders
- Fully renovated with flexible living accommodation
- Mainly set on the first floor to take full advantage of the views
- Utility Room, Kitchen/Dining Room, First Floor Lounge
- 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom and Ground Floor Living Room/Study
- Within excellent landscaped gardens. D/G & Oil C/H. EPC Rating



**Beresford Gardens
Oswestry** £179,995

- An immaculately presented 3 Bedroom Townhouse
- Originally forming part of the old Girls High School
- Entrance Hall, Cloaks, Open Living/Dining Room,
- Fully fitted Kitchen, first floor there is access to the balcony
- Three excellent Bedrooms and Family Bathroom
- 2 parking spaces, ornamental lawn & enclosed rear garden
- Gas C/H and part timber double glazing. EPC Rating D



St Martins £125,000

- Deceptively spacious Semi-Detached Cottage
- Stands in large landscaped gardens
- Extensive views over open countryside
- Porch, Kitchen, Dining Room, Lounge, Sun Rm
- Shower/Utility Rm, 2 Beds, Bathrm & Attic Rm
- Summer house, brick outhouses & 1 parking space
- Gas fired central heating, EPC Rating E



**Marlsand Close
St. Martins** £149,995

- A spacious Detached 3 Bedroom Bungalow in a quiet residential area
- Good sized private rear garden together with Garage and Carport
- Lounge, Kitchen, 3 Excellent Bedrms, Family Bathrm, Separate WC
- Oil fired central heating, uPVC D/G, fascia's and barges. EPC Rating E



**Cefn Coch
Llanrhaeadr** £395,000

- Truly idyllic country cottage
- Retaining a Host of Original Features
- Sun Rm, Dining Hall, Farmhouse Style Kitchen
- Utility, Ground Floor Shower Rm, Lounge
- 3 Beds (master en-suite WC) Family Bathrm
- 2 Good Size Rear Storage Sheds
- Large Gardens, Parking. D/G/Oil C/H. EPC Rating E



**Celyn House
Weston Rhyn** £315,000

- Substantial Detached 5 Bedroom Property
- 3 Reception Rms, Dining Rm, Kitchen, Utility, Cellar
- Ground Flr Bathroom, 5 Beds (2 en-suite) & Family Bathrm
- Mature & well maintained gardens & off-road parking
- Oil C/H & hardwood D/G. EPC Rating G



**Hampton Rise
Oswestry** £275,000

- Well appointed & spacious Detached Family Home
- Situated in a quiet position in a large corner plot
- Large Ent Hall, Cloaks, Dining Room, Study
- Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility
- 4 Beds (master en-suite) Family Bathroom
- 2 designated parking spaces & vegetable garden
- Gas C/H & timber D/G. EPC Rating D



**Hampton Road
Oswestry** £243,995

- Well presented 3 Bedroom Link Detached Bungalow
- Lounge, Dining Rm, Kitchen/Breakfast Rm, Utility
- Master Bed with adjoining WC
- 2 further Beds & Family Bathrm
- Good size rear garden, garage & 2 driveways
- Double glazing and Gas C/H. EPC Rating D



**Oswald Place
Oswestry** £139,995

- 3 Bed Town House with Original Features
- Within Walking Distance of Town Centre
- Kitchen Lounge, Cloakroom
- 2 Beds and Bathroom
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- Gas C/H. D/G. EPC Rating D



**Coopers Field
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- Well presented Mid-Terrace Property
- Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast Rm, Utility
- 3 Bedrooms & Bathroom
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**Heritage Way
Llanymynech** £119,995

- An End Terrace Property on a corner plot
- Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Cloakroom, Lounge
- Conservatory, 2 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Good size private rear garden with patio
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**Albert Road
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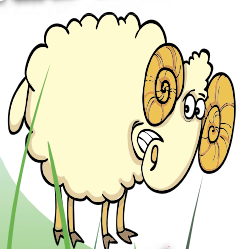
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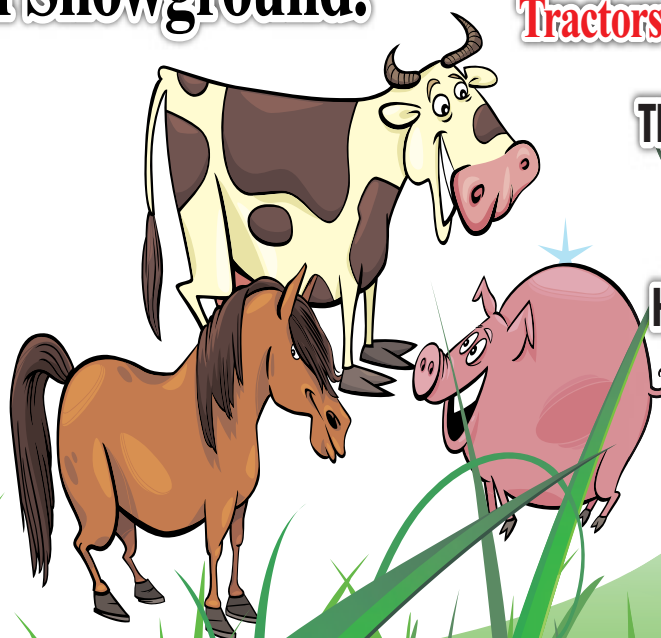
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Recently the showground has undergone many improvements to accommodate the growing attendance

Advertising feature

of both the show and the many other events held there throughout the year.

Spectators around the main arena can enjoy the return of The Imps Motorcycle Display Team, with their programme of daredevil jumps and routines.

Continuing with speed, the Pony Club Mounted Games Competitors will put on a display described as fantastic, fast and fun and will no doubt leave their audience in awe of their skills.

Local groups will also be involved with the Tanatside Hunt parading their hounds, always a firm favourite when the youngsters are invited into the ring to meet the hounds.

Whittington & Oswestry Young Farmers will also organise an inter-club "Its a Knock Out" later in the day.

Members of the show society are very grateful to local Agriculture Engineers, Llanfyllin Tractors, who have kindly sponsored the main ring entertainment this year.

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New president elected



Show chairman Malcolm Roberts with new president John Jones. SHOW president for 2014 is John Jones, a retired livestock auctioneer and chartered surveyor from Guilsfield, near Welshpool.

He has attended the show for many years and took up employment with Norman Lloyd & Co.

He has also been a past commentator of the horse parade and with his wife Carol has exhibited ponies and sheep on numerous occasions.

John became a partner in Nor-

man Lloyd & Co, Oswestry Cattle Auctions and Welshpool Livestock Sales from 1973 until 2009.

And he was awarded the Sir Bryn Jones Award in 2012 by The Royal Welsh Agricultural Society.

On taking the chair at the annual meeting, he thanked the Oswestry & District Agricultural Society for electing him as president and said how much he was looking forward to the forthcoming year.

Advertising feature

OSWESTRY'S one-day agricultural show has gone digital, allowing visitors to book their tickets online for the first time.

Oswestry Show has launched its new website - www.oswestryshow.co.uk - to enable people to buy advance tickets which are then mailed out to them.

About 15,000 people are expected to attend this year's event on August 2 at Oswestry Showground at Park Hall.

Tickets can still be bought from the show office and other outlets in Oswestry.

New president John Jones said: "Recently the showground has undergone many improvements to accommodate the growing attendance of both the show and the many other events held there throughout the year."

"Spectators around the main arena can enjoy the return of The Imps Motorcycle Display Team, the Pony Club Mounted Games competitors, the Tanat Side Hunt parade and Whittington & Oswestry Young Farmers' It's a Knockout competition."

The show relies on the support of businesses. Many have trade stands at the event and others assist by providing sponsorship for many of the sections in the livestock classes.

This year ABP have agreed to be the main sponsors of the beef cattle section. Schedules for all livestock classes can be obtained from the show office.

Visitors can enjoy the trade stands, food hall and craft marquee. A floral spectacular can be found in the horticultural marquee, along with creations produced by the junior members in the children's classes.

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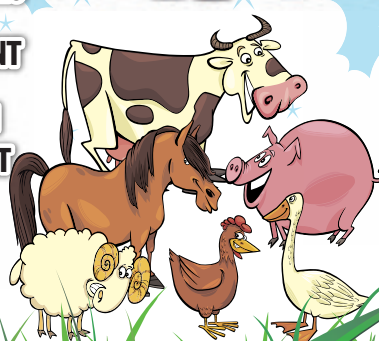


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Bron Heulog, Sun Bank, Llangollen
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This former Coach House sits prominently on the sunny bank of Llangollen Vale with superb views of the valley, Castell Dinas Brân and Creigiau Eglwyseg. Hall, Family Dining Kitchen, Sun Room, Dining Room, Two Bedrooms, Ground Floor Wet Room, Lounge and Balcony, Bedroom with Ensuite Shower Room, Double Bedroom, Gardens, Garage, Workshop, Games/Work Room with Shower Room. EPC Rating E.



Tynycelyn, Cefn Canol
Price: Offers over £400,000

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This four bedroom detached family home is situated in a pleasant rural location. This property benefits from superb open countryside views and stands in 1.6 acres. Cloakroom, Garden Room, Large Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Room, Store/Utility/Workshop with First Floor Area, Bedroom with En Suite, Three further Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gardens, Paddock, Lovely Views. DG & CH. Current EPC Rating E.



The Old School House, Knockin
Price: £425,000

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The Old School House is a most interesting, if not unique, period house of immense charm and character, attached to the former Headmistress' property. The property benefits from a recent scheme of updating and modernisation.

- Four Bedrooms
- Superb Accommodation
- Lovely views
- Must See
- Current EPC Rating E

NEW



Glyndwr, Penybontfawr
Price: Offers over £249,950

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This detached cottage once formed a row of cottages and now offers immaculate and characterful accommodation comprising a three bedroom property, one bedroom annexe and large garage/workshop. MAIN PROPERTY - Three Reception Rooms, Three Bedrooms, Gardens, Parking, Large Garage. ANNEXE with Reception Room & Bedroom. CH & DG. EPC Rating E.



Boot Street, Whittington
Price: Offers over £325,000

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The property offers extremely well designed and well proportioned internal accommodation to include an Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Study, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Cloakroom, Master Bedroom with En-Suite, Four Further Bedrooms, Bathroom, Shower Room, Superb Gardens, Summer House, Garage. EPC Rating C.



Blymhill Villa, Llynclys
Price: £329,950

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This imposing 1930's detached FIVE bedroom family home offers immaculate and spacious accommodation which boasts original features in all rooms. South East Facing with views to the Heritage railway and countryside beyond, this property is warmed by oil fired central heating and benefits from UPVC double glazing throughout. With excellent commuter link and glorious countryside walks on door step. EPC Rating E.



Craig Llwyn, Oswestry
Price: £920,000

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A generously proportioned family home occupying an imposing position and affording stunning countryside views of the Shropshire/Welsh border. Positioned at the head of its own tarmacadam driveway it offers superb versatile accommodation, including a self contained annex. The property is surrounded by its own grounds extending to approximately 26 acres. EPC Rating D.



The Old Mill, Candy
Price: £750,000

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This handsome former mill comprises a spacious family home, large self contained annexe, outbuildings and nine acres of land including cottage style gardens, pasture and woodland. The property has been extensively refurbished over the last ten years by the current owners. Situated in an enchanting and delightful rural location with 800 acres of woodland walks on the doorstep. Current EPC Rating D.



Plas Cerrig, Wern
Price: £560,000

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This extraordinary detached family home dates back to 1803 and offers characterful accommodation throughout and must be viewed to be appreciated. The property is complimented by a detached self contained annexe and 1.5 acres of grounds. The accommodation is spacious and offers four bedrooms in the main house and one bedroom in the annexe. EPC E.



Woodlands Park, Oswestry
Price: £385,000

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Enjoying the most imposing position within this most sought after location. Offering immaculate spacious accommodation and set in a generous sized. Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Three Reception Rooms, Kitchen Dining Room, Utility, Two Master Suites, Three Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Second Floor with Two Large Bedrooms with views, Double Garage, Parking, Gardens.



Ash Tree Cottage, Gwern Y Brenin
Price: £375,000

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This detached cottage has recently undergone a scheme of improvements and now offers a wonderful family home. In a peaceful location and sits in a third of an acre. Reception Hall, Ground Floor Bathroom, Luxury Kitchen with granite worktops, Snug/Dining Room, Lounge, Master Bedroom with Ensuite, Two further Double Bedrooms, Stable Block, Car Parking Forecourt, Orchard Area, Potential Paddock. CH & DG. EPC Rating E.



The Star, Glyn Ceiriog
Price: £240,000

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A rare opportunity to purchase a detached family home and former public house set in 2.75 acres of grounds. This property requires a scheme of updating and modernisation. Reception Area, Open Plan Lounge Dining Room, Sitting Room, Side Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Hallway, Pantry, Former Bar Area, Rear Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, First Floor Landing, Five Bedrooms, Two Bathrooms, Range of Outbuildings, Garage, Land. EPC Rating G.



Llanforda Mead, Oswestry
Price: £235,000

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This spacious three bedroom bungalow is situated in a most sought after cul des sac location with landscaped East facing rear garden. This property offers accommodation which is warmed by gas fired central heating and benefits from UPVC double glazing.

- Reception Hall, Cloakroom,
- Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen,
- Three Bedrooms, Bathroom,
- Parking, Gardens
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- Current EPC Rating D



Cambrian Mews, Oswestry
Price: £142,500

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This three storey THREE bedroom end of terrace town house is situated within a short walk from Oswestry Town Centre offering immaculate accommodation fitted to a high specification including good quality 'Quick Step' laminate flooring throughout the ground floor.

- R'Hall, WC, Lounge, Kitchen
- Bedroom One, Bedroom Two
- Bedroom Three, Master Suite
- Enclosed Rear Garden, Parking
- Ideal Investment
- Current EPC Rating C



Russell Street, Cefn Mawr
Price: £199,950

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This deceptively spacious four bedroom semi detached Victorian Villa sits prominently overlooking the Vale of Llangollen. This property has been updated by the current owners and provides character and charm throughout. The accommodation is spread over four floor and benefits from superb views. Hall, Lounge, Bathroom, Three Bedroom, Gardens, Double Garage. EPC Rating E.



Wern, Nr Selattyn
Price: £315,000

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A lovely executive detached family home situated in semi rural location with open countryside views to the front and rear elevations. This spacious family home is warmed by oil fired central heating and benefits from UPVC double glazing. Must be viewed to appreciate the accommodation and position. Current EPC Rating C



Coopers Field, St Martins
Price: £121,000

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This deceptively spacious three bedroom family home with large attic room is situated in a quiet cul de sac location within a popular village. The accommodation is warmed by gas fired central heating and benefits from UPVC double glazing.

- Lounge, Kitchen Dining Room
- Bedroom One, Bedroom Two
- Bedroom Three, Bathroom
- Attic Bedroom
- Large Rear Garden
- Current EPC Rating D



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Bronbechan, Tregynon, Nr. Newtown



- Detached four bedroom house.
- Central hallway, front room, sitting room and dining room.
- Kitchen, cloaks and boot room/utility.
- Four bedrooms and bathroom.
- Spacious gardens together with approximately an acre of woodland and a further acre of paddock.
- Energy Efficiency Rating: F,30.

Guide Price: £335,000

Redholme, Salop Road, Welshpool



A substantial and imposing Victorian semi detached house (left hand side of photograph) currently used as a well established bed and breakfast business standing along side Salop Road on the busy one way system and just a couple of minutes walk from the town centre Tesco supermarket and the railway station. Parking to the side, front patio and rear terraced gardens.

Briefly containing: Entrance porch, hall with stairs off and access to cellar rooms under, living, sitting and dining rooms. Double kitchen, ground floor shower room with w.c. On the first floor, 3 double bedrooms (all ensuite) and on the second, 2 further double bedrooms and family bathroom. Energy Efficiency Rating: E,46.

Guide Price: £235,000

The Old School, Churchstoke



- Investment Opportunity. Business unaffected.
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- Current rental income £11,440 per annum exclusive
- Further details on request.

Guide Price: £235,000

Peniarth, 10 Cefn Hawys, Welshpool



Spacious detached five bedroom (one ensuite) family house.

Entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen, dining room and cloaks.

Five bedrooms (one ensuite) and family bathroom.

Integrated garage. Gardens to front and rear

Energy Efficiency Rating: D,57.

Guide Price: £230,000

Ty Mawr, Pantyffridd, Berriew, Welshpool



- Substantial detached four bedroom house in need of modernisation and upgrading.
- Entrance hall, sitting room, large kitchen/breakfast, front room and ground floor bathroom, four first floor bedrooms.
- Sun room. Detached workshop, hobby room/office and timber and galvanised double garage.
- Wood store to rear together with ample off road parking.
- Paddock extending to ½ an acre or thereabouts.
- Energy Efficiency Rating: D,55.

Guide Price: £225,000

10 Meillionydd, Adfa, Newtown



- Modern four bedroom (one ensuite) detached house in immaculate order throughout.
- Parking to the front and large garden extending to side and rear.
- Paddock extending to about 1.2 acres.
- Entrance hall, lounge, family sitting and dining rooms.
- Fitted kitchen with utility area, four bedrooms (one ensuite) and family bathroom.
- Energy Efficiency Rating: C, 69.

Guide Price: £214,995

4 Maes Y Celyn, Welshpool



A modern detached 4 bedroom (one ensuite) house occupying a corner site in a quiet cul de sac with open plan gardens to the front providing ample parking and turning for three cars, amenity area with two garden sheds to side and manageable but spacious landscaped gardens to the rear with lawns, paved paths and pebble features enclosed by a high hedge affording a great deal of privacy.

The accommodation briefly contains: Entrance hall, sitting and dining rooms, fitted kitchen, utility with cloaks off, four bedrooms and family bathroom. Energy Efficiency Rating: D,67.

Guide Price: £210,000

The Orchard, Westwood Road, Welshpool



- Three/four bedroom garage linked split level house with spacious gardens.
- Entrance porch, hallway with staircase off, cloaks and dining room.
- Kitchen/breakfast, lounge and 4th bedroom/study.
- Three first floor bedrooms and family bathroom.
- Utility area, sun room, store, single garage and additional parking for three extra vehicles.
- Energy Efficiency Rating: D, 64.

Guide Price: £195,000

Cilfai, Bluebell Drive, Welshpool



- Modern three bedroomed bungalow standing in a quiet location.
- Entrance porch, cloaks, kitchen/breakfast, lounge and conservatory.
- Three bedrooms and bathroom.
- Garage, gardens and grounds.
- Energy Efficiency Rating: D,66.

Guide Price: £164,950

139 Brookfield Road, Welshpool



An immaculate detached 2/3 bedroom bungalow with parking and open plan garden to front and enclosed private garden at rear with patio.

Briefly containing: Entrance hall, L shaped living room with dining area or 3rd bedroom, modern kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom.

Guide Price: £160,000

7 The Courtyard, Welshpool



- Deceptively spacious modern three bedroom semi detached house.
- Situated close to the town centre.
- Lounge, kitchen/dining, three bedrooms and bathroom.
- Enclosed rear garden. Two parking spaces.
- No onward chain.
- Energy Efficiency Rating: C,70.

Guide Price: £159,950

Ty Celyn, Gungrog Road, Welshpool



- Immaculate three bedroom terrace house.
- Situated within convenient walking distance of the town centre.
- Entrance hallway, sitting room, dining room, modern fitted kitchen and cellar.
- Two first floor bedrooms and modern bathroom.
- Large second floor bedroom.
- Energy Efficiency Rating: D,61.

Guide Price: £149,950

6 Fairview Avenue, Guilsfield, Welshpool



- Two bedroom semi detached house.
- Ample parking to front and enclosed garden to rear.
- Entrance hall, kitchen, lounge and dining room.
- Two bedrooms and bathroom.
- Ample parking. Ornamental stone gardens to front and rear.
- Energy Efficiency Rating: D, 61.

Guide Price: £142,000

12 Delwood Drive, Welshpool



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Briefly containing: Entrance porch, hall with stairs off and access to cellar rooms under, living, sitting and dining rooms. Double kitchen, ground floor shower room with w.c. On the first floor, 3 double bedrooms (all ensuite) and on the second, 2 further double bedrooms and family bathroom. Energy Efficiency Rating: E,46.

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2 Pentre Barns, Pentrebeirdd, Welshpool



- Three bedroom mid terrace barn conversion.
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deaths

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Joan Margaret

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Much loved Wife of Colin.

Will be sadly missed.

Funeral Service at Pentrebychan Crematorium, Wrexham, on Wednesday, July 23, at 2.30pm.

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PRICE

Elsie May

Passed away peacefully on July 4, 2014, aged 92 years.

Will be sadly missed.

Funeral Service at Oswestry Methodist Church, on Tuesday, July 22, at 11am, followed by Interment at Oswestry Cemetery.

Family flowers only.

Donations if desired to The RNIB.

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acknowledgements

EDWARDS

Bruce

Ann and the Family wish to thank everyone most sincerely for the kindness and sympathy shown to them in their bereavement.

Also for the many letters, cards, attendance at the Funeral and generous donations received, that were to the Severn Hospice and The Midlands Air Ambulance.

KNIGHTON

Geoffrey

Eleanor and the Family would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the kindness and sympathy shown to them in their Bereavement following the death of Geoff a much loved Husband, Father and Grand-father.

Thank you to all those who sent cards and letters and for the generous donations in his memory that were to S.A.N.E. a charity into mental health research.

Also to the large gathering of Friends who came to celebrate the fulfilled and wonderful life of Geoff.

Special thanks to all those people who in some way cared for Geoff in his last few months and for the comfort and dignity which was shown to us all at Meadowbrook in his final days.

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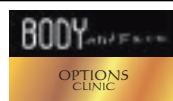
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Artists' work will be put on display

PREPARATIONS are being made for a major show of work by some of the most talented artists in the Oswestry area.

The summer exhibition staged by the Oswestry and District Society of Artists attracts hundreds of visitors every year and organisers say they expect this year to be no different.

This year's show opens on August 2 at Oswestry's Memorial Hall, giving art lovers a chance to see some of the best work by the area's artists.

Group spokeswoman Carol James said artists were looking forward to the major show.

She said: "The popular summer exhibition, organised by Oswestry and District Society of Artists, attracts hundreds of visitors to the Memorial Hall each year.

"The exhibition opens on Saturday, August 2, in the afternoon and runs for the following week.

"Admission is free and there is the chance to buy original works.

"Members will be handing in their paintings, up to four framed and three unframed each, on August 2 between 9.30am and noon.

It will then be thrown open to the public from 1pm to 4pm."



Spectacular scenes from Moreton Hall centenary pageant



The biggest stage ever seen at Moreton Hall School for the celebration pageant



On stage at Moreton Hall School centenary pageant



Providing the entertainment at Moreton Hall

School holds centenary pageant

MORETON Hall School at Oswestry has celebrated its centenary by holding a pageant with a cast and orchestra of more than 200.

The pageant, which has been written by the author Matthew Dennison and his wife and starring actress Angela Thorne took place on the biggest

stage ever seen in the school.

Michelle Kynaston, from the centenary team said: "Ambitious in scale, sumptuous in its staging, lavish, handsome and whimsical, the pageant will recreate key moments in Moreton's 100-year history in a unique dramatic and musical format specially created for this one-off occasion.

"The pageant includes a very large cross section of Moreton pupils, from boys and

girls of Moreton First to sixth formers on the brink of departure. Members of staff have also given generously of their time.

"With a cast of several hundred Moretonian actors, musicians, dancers and even jugglers, the pageant will celebrate in words and music something of the essence of the school of which we are all so proud.

"We are delighted that renowned actress Angela Thorne agreed to act as pageant

narrator. Miss Thorne has a long and distinguished career on stage and screen. Best known to many for her roles in television comedies *To the Manor Born* and *Three Up, Two Down*, she recently completed a six-month West End run of *The Ladykillers*."

The pageant is the final event in a series of activities which have seen the school community celebrate the past 100 years.

Villagers will pay respects to fallen

RESIDENTS of a village on the border will pay their tributes to those who served in or lived through World War One with a weekend of events in November.

Organisers have appealed for residents of Llanrhaedrym Mochant to hunt through their attics and their drawers for memorabilia of the time, to use in an exhibition.

The commemorative event will be held in Llanrhaedrym Mochant public hall on November 21 and 22 and it is hoped as many as possible will visit it during the two days.

On the Saturday evening there will be entertainment, bringing together contributions from various local artists including the Llanilin Quartet and the Pen Llan Quartet.

Frances Hunt, one of those involved in the weekend said: "There are the names of 50 men on the village War Memorial, sadly they are the ones who went and never came back.

"Others went and returned. We want to be able to remember all of them - in the exhibition, during the evening concert and hopefully via a commemorative booklet. If you can help please contact (01691) 828660 or celticgypsytour@btinternet.com"

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Buffet time at the Marches School Prom



Pupils arrive on the Tanat Motors vintage coach for the prom



Kira Scott celebrated by arriving in a Doctor Who Tardis

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Girls arrive by vintage coach for school prom at The Lion Quays



Ready to start partying at Marches School Prom held at the Lion Quays Resort



Head pupils Stuart Green and Emily Ball

FROM a vintage bus to a horsebox, Lamborghini, Ferrari and Harley Davidson motorbike, the mode of transport set the tone for what was to be a glamorous school prom in Oswestry.

But birthday girl Kira Scott celebrated her 16th birthday at the prom by arriving in the most unusual transport of the evening - a Doctor Who Tardis.

The full-size blue police box, complete with "free for use of public" sign and St John Ambulance sticker, was made especially for the occasion for the teenager, who is a big fan of The Doctor.

Pupils from Year 11 of the Marches School in Oswestry enjoyed a glamorous prom at The Lion Quays Resort.

The A483 north of Oswestry was busy with

by Pam Kingsley

an array of vehicles, all transporting the students to their leavers prom and dropping off parents, relatives, past students and friends who turned up in their hundreds to greet students as they arrived.

More than 150 students and 40 staff attended the event and enjoyed a red carpet welcome before sitting down to a three course meal, followed by a night of dancing away to the DJ. In between courses, students enjoyed a speech by head boy, Stuart Green, and head girl, Emily Ball.

Emily said: "We've had what can only be described as a tremendous five years at The Marches, during which friendships have developed that will last a lifetime."

"This has been a wonderful evening, I've loved every minute of it."



All dressed up and ready for the big night at The Lion Quays



Arriving by Harley Davidson for the school prom

Grab your stetson it's time for some country

GIG GUIDE

with Edward Roberts



GRAB your Stetson and get ready for a rootin-tootin good time this weekend as the 27th annual Welshpool Country and Western Festival gets underway.

Held in the grounds at Powys Castle, the event will be running from the July 18-20.

The festival will be kicking things off on Friday with the traditional Western charge down the bank, where 50 Westerners in full costume come hurtling down with music playing and guns blazing.

There will be plenty of quality country acts for you enjoy over the weekend, with music by the likes of the Henry Smith Band, Texas Gun, Crazy Train, Pure Country and many more.

As well as live music there will also be a country disco, canal boat trips and in the true spirit of the Old West - quick draw competitions, for those of you who fancy yourselves as a real cowboy.

The event is organised by The Heulwen Trust, which is a charity that aims to bring enjoyment to people with disabilities by providing boat trips along the Montgomery Canal.

It's £30 for a weekend ticket or £12.50 for a single day, under 16s get in for free.



Nikki Rose appearing at Lowfield Inn on Friday night

The always entertaining Nikki Rous will be taking to the stage over at The Lowfield Inn, Welshpool on Friday night. A talented singer songwriter, Nikki first taught herself to play guitar at age 16 and over the years has honed her songwriting while performing gigs around the UK.

In that time she's shared the bill with such well known and critically

acclaimed acts as Jamiroquai, The Pogues and Supergrass. The gig starts at 8pm and is free entry.

Local music scene veteran, Tony Skeggs will be making a return visit to The Royal Oak, Welshpool on Friday at 9m. A performer through and through, Tony has played at venues around the world and has recorded a whopping 30 albums during his career.

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SATURDAY



The National Lottery: Break the Safe

7.40pm
Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which three pairs of contestants answer two-part questions for the chance to play for the money in the safe. This week's contestants are two best friends, a couple and a mother and son. Including the Lotto and Thunderball draws.



Golf: The Open Championship

5.25pm
Hazel Irvine introduces further live coverage of the third day at Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Hoylake, as the players continue their bids for the Major won by Phil Mickelson in 2013. Tiger Woods was the winner when this competition was last staged here in 2006..



Tipping Point: Lucky Stars

7.30pm
Lorraine Kelly, Phil Tufnell and Ryan Thomas use knowledge, skill and tactics to win turns on the arcade-style token-pushing machine. Dropping counters down a choice of four chutes, the celebrity contestants hope to knock piles of them off a moving shelf. Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard.



Grand Designs

8pm
Kevin McCloud follows the progress of Mimi and Andre d'Costa, who have moved to the Kent countryside to bring up their two children. They have a large plot of land and want to build a house that will be functional enough to serve their young family, but will also blend in with the beautiful landscape.



Holiday Love Rats Exposed

8pm
Documentary telling the stories of Brits who have been conned out of tens of thousands by people preying on single holiday-makers. Jeannette was swept off her feet by Rudiger in Italy, and over the next nine months spent £20,000 on him, only to discover he was wanted in several countries for duping women.

BBC1

- 6.00** **Breakfast.**
10.00 **Golf: The Open Championship.** Hazel Irvine introduces live coverage of the opening play on the third day at Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Hoylake, where the 143rd staging of the Major continues.
12.00 **BBC News; Weather.**
12.10 **Golf: The Open Championship.** Hazel Irvine introduces further live coverage of the third day at Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Hoylake, as the players continue their bids for the Major won by Phil Mickelson in 2013. The American looked an unlikely winner at the end of this stage last year, ending the day in a share of ninth place, five strokes behind England's Lee Westwood, while Mickelson's compatriots Hunter Mahan and Tiger Woods were one shot off the pace in second. With commentary by Peter Alliss, Ken Brown, Andrew Cotter, Mark James, Frank Nobilo, Phil Parkin, Maureen Madill and Scott Drummond, and reports by Dan Walker. Coverage continues on BBC2.
5.25 **Formula 1: German Grand Prix - Qualifying.** Suzi Perry presents action from the battle for pole position in the 10th round of the season at the Hockenheimring.
6.40 **BBC News; Regional News; Weather.**
7.00 **A Question of Sport: Super Saturday.** Jason Manford hosts the game show, with singer Pixie Lott, presenter Helen Skelton, comedian and actor Terry Alderton and Citizen Khan star Adil Ray taking part. Last in the series.
7.40 **The National Lottery: Break the Safe.** Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which three pairs compete to play for a cash prize. Includes the National Lottery results, presented by Kate Garraway.
8.30 **Live at Edinburgh Castle.** Ahead of Wednesday's opening ceremony for the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Alex Jones presents this star-studded concert in front of one of Scotland's most famous landmarks. Edinburgh Castle is the backdrop as a wide range of musical acts perform on stage, including soul legend Smokey Robinson, indie rockers Kaiser Chiefs, 1980s survivors Culture Club, torch singer Paloma Faith, pop-rock band OneRepublic, rap duo Rizzle Kicks and 2012 X Factor finalist Ella Henderson. For those who prefer something a little more classical, the line-up also includes operatic quartet Il Divo, mezzo Katherine Jenkins, West End star Alfie Boe and South African opera singer Pumeza. The music will be interspersed with comedy, courtesy of Bill Bailey and Fred MacAulay, and also features the final leg of the Queen's Baton Relay before it arrives in Glasgow tomorrow.
10.30 **BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update.**
10.50 **FILM: Shanghai Knights (2003).** A Chinese sheriff and a reformed bandit hunt for a killer on the murky streets of Victorian London. Martial arts comedy sequel, starring Jackie Chan.
12.35 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
12.40 **BBC News.**

BBC2

- 6.00** **This is BBC2.**
6.10 **FILM: The Falcon Takes Over (1942).** The sleuth takes on a case involving a jailbird ex-wrestler who goes looking for his girlfriend - leading to a string of murders. Mystery, starring George Sanders and Lynn Bari.
7.15 **FILM: The Falcon's Brother (1942).** Thriller, starring George Sanders and Tom Conway.
8.15 **The Living Planet.** Birds that spend most of their lives in the air. (R)
9.10 **Fred Dibnah's Industrial Age.** Britain's mining heritage. (R)
9.40 **Great British Railway Journeys.** Michael Portillo undertakes the last leg of his journey to Penzance. (R)
10.10 **Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** James Martin presents highlights from the previous year of the cookery show, including recipes by Tristan Welch, Richard Corrigan, Nathan Outlaw and Vivek Singh. (R)
11.40 **Food & Drink.** (R)
12.10 **Rick Stein's Spain.** The chef travels to the land of El Cid and into the La Mancha region. (R)
1.10 **Peter O'Toole: Talking Pictures.** A profile of Peter O'Toole.
2.00 **FILM: Becket (1964).** Henry II appoints his lifelong friend as Archbishop of Canterbury, who proves more loyal to the Church than to the throne. Historical drama, with Richard Burton and Peter O'Toole.
4.25 **Hive Alive.** Part one of two. Investigating the lives and habits of bees. (R)
5.25 **Golf: The Open Championship.** Hazel Irvine introduces further live coverage of the third day at Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Hoylake, as the players continue their bids for the Major won by Phil Mickelson in 2013. Subsequent programmes are subject to change.
7.45 **Flog It!** The team heads to Tatton Park in Cheshire, where Anita Manning values 50 silver ingots and Mark Stacey finds a cigarette case brought back from the First World War.
8.30 **Dad's Army.** Warden Hodges challenges Captain Mainwaring's platoon to a cricket match. Featuring a guest appearance by former England and Yorkshire fast bowler Fred Trueman. (R)
9.00 **The Men Who Made Us Spend.** Jacques Peretti examines how fear is a powerful driver of consumerism, meeting experts who have helped manufacturers make money from people's anxieties and insecurities.
10.00 **FILM: Zodiac: The Director's Cut (2007).** Fact-based crime thriller following the hunt for a serial killer who terrorised San Francisco in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Robert Downey Jr.
12.35 **FILM: Keeping Up with the Steins (2006).** Two families try to outdo each other as they prepare for their sons' bar mitzvahs, but one of the boys has his own plans for the big day. Comedy, with Daryl Sabara and Jami Gertz.
2.00 **This is BBC2.**

ITV

- 6.00** **CITY: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge**
6.25 Dino Dan **6.35** Dino Dan **6.50** Canimals **7.00** Canimals **7.05** Sooty **7.20** Digimon Fusion **7.45** Mr Bean: The Animated Series **8.00** Adventure Time
8.25 **ITV News.**
8.30 **Weekend.**
9.25 **The Hungry Sailors.** Dick and James Smallbridge explore Newquay, Cornwall. (R)
10.25 **Murder, She Wrote.** Jessica investigates foul play in Ireland. (R)
11.20 **ITV News and Weather; Weather.**
11.30 **Storage Hoarders.** A woman who must confront the stored belongings of her late parents. (R)
12.30 **All Star Mr & Mrs.** With Liam Fox and Nicole Barber-Lane, Vanessa Feltz and Ben Ofoedu, and Danny Jones and Georgia Horsley. (R)
1.30 **Dinner Date.** Alan from London chooses three blind dates. (R)
2.30 **All Star Family Fortunes.** Sophie Ellis-Bextor and Angela Rippon take part. (R)
3.15 **FILM: Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure (1989).** Two dim-witted teenagers with dreams of rock stardom meet a time traveller, who sends them on a series of adventures in the past. Comedy, starring Keanu Reeves and Alex Winter.
5.00 **FILM: Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed (2004).** A villain creates chaos at a museum opening by re-creating some of the amateur detectives' worst enemies. Comedy adventure sequel, with Sarah Michelle Gellar and Matthew Lillard.
6.35 **ITV News Central; Weather.**
6.45 **ITV News and Weather.**
7.00 **You've Been Framed!** Surreal comedy from the mind of Harry Hill, inspired by viewers' home videos, featuring below-the-belt mishaps, practical jokes and painful-looking accidents. (R)
7.30 **Tipping Point: Lucky Stars.** TV presenter Lorraine Kelly, former England cricketer Phil Tufnell and Coronation Street actor Ryan Thomas take turns on the token-pushing machine for charity. Ben Shephard hosts.
8.30 **FILM: Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace (1999).** Two Jedi Knights are sent on a mission to protect a queen whose planet has been invaded, and meet a boy with a sinister destiny. Sci-fi prequel, with Liam Neeson and Ewan McGregor.
11.00 **ITV News and Weather; Weather.**
11.15 **FILM: Ocean's Eleven (2001).** A suave ex-convincer assembles a gang of crooks to help him pull off the daring robbery of three casinos in Las Vegas. Crime comedy, with George Clooney, Brad Pitt and Julia Roberts.
1.30 **Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00 **The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.** The host takes his successful talk show stateside. (R)
3.40 **ITV Nightscreen.**

Channel 4

- 6.05** **The Hoobs.** Groove goes to a fancy-dress party. (R)
6.30 **Trans World Sport.** Including a feature on Olympic gold medal-winning long jumper Greg Rutherford.
7.30 **The Grid.** Featuring an interview with British racing driver Guy Smith.
8.00 **The Morning Line.** Racing preview from Newbury.
9.00 **Frasier.** The shrink tries to learn how to play softball. (R)
9.30 **Frasier.** Roz auditions for a radio presenting job. (R)
10.05 **Deal or No Deal.** Beat-the-banker game show. (R)
11.00 **The Big Bang Theory.** Leonard fails to get Sheldon into the Christmas mood. (R)
11.30 **The Big Bang Theory.** Leonard realises Alex is attracted to him. (R)
12.00 **The Simpsons.** Compilation, introduced by Troy McClure. (R)
12.30 **The Tomorrow People.** The distance between John and Cara grows.
1.30 **Channel 4 Racing.** Live coverage from Newbury, Newmarket and Market Rasen.
4.10 **Come Dine with Me.** A hairdresser hosts the first dinner party in the Crewe and Nantwich area. (R)
4.40 **Come Dine with Me.** Pip Massey hosts the week's second party in the Crewe and Nantwich area. (R)
5.10 **Come Dine with Me.** Darren Leech hosts the third dinner party in and around Crewe and Nantwich. (R)
5.40 **Come Dine with Me.** Emma Davies hosts the fourth dinner party in the Crewe and Nantwich area. (R)
6.15 **Come Dine with Me.** Hypnotherapist Russell Stubbs hosts the final party in Crewe and Nantwich, Cheshire, hoping to impress his guests with a rock-night theme. (R)
6.40 **Channel 4 News.**
7.05 **The Restoration Man.** George Clarke joins Keith McIntyre and his wife Sheena as they seek to convert a listed church on the Outer Hebridean island of Berneray into a holiday home and artists' retreat. (R)
8.00 **Grand Designs.** Kevin McCloud follows the progress of Mimi and Andre d'Costa, who have moved to Kent to bring up their two children and hope to build a house that blends in with the landscape. (R)
9.00 **FILM: Rise of the Planet of the Apes (2011).** Premiere. A genetically engineered chimpanzee develops superior intelligence and leads other apes against the human race. Sci-fi thriller, starring James Franco and Andy Serkis.
11.00 **FILM: Predator 2 (1990).** A tough cop investigating a series of gruesome murders discovers it is the work of an alien that kills for sport. Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Danny Glover.
1.05 **Utopia.** A genius and the leader of The Network hatch a plan to save the human race. (R)
2.05 **Utopia.** (R)
3.05 **Hollyoaks.** Omnibus edition. (R)
5.15 **River Cottage Veg.** (R)

Channel 5

- 6.00** **Milkshake!** Peppa Pig **6.05** Roary the Racing Car **6.15** Abby's Flying Fairy School **6.25** Bubble Guppies **6.35** The Mr Men Show **6.50** Chloe's Closet **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas **7.25** Make Way for Noddy **7.35** Milkshake! Monkey **7.40** City of Friends **7.55** Little Princess **8.05** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky **8.25** Angelina Ballerina **8.45** Rupert Bear **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **9.15** Jelly Jamm **9.30** LazyTown
10.00 **Access.** Showbiz news and gossip.
10.10 **The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies.** An elderly Staffordshire bull terrier is involved in a fight with a pit bull. (R)
11.10 **Big Brother: Eviction.** Another housemate gets the boot. (R)
12.40 **Criminals: Caught on Camera.** The use of CCTV to fight crime. (R)
1.05 **NCIS: The Port-to-Port Killer.** The investigators worry Gibbs is about to leave the NCIS again. (R)
2.05 **NCIS: The Port-to-Port Killer.** A Navy lieutenant is found dead at the Pentagon. (R)
3.05 **FILM: Hell Boats (1970).** Second World War drama, starring James Franciscus.
4.55 **FILM: Operation Pacific (1951).** Second World War adventure, starring John Wayne.
7.00 **Cricknet on 5.** England v India. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the third day of the Second Test at Lord's, as the five-match series continued.
7.55 **5 News Weekend.**
8.00 **Holiday Love Rats Exposed.** Documentary telling the stories of Brits who have been conned out of tens of thousands of pounds and left broken-hearted by people preying on single holiday-makers looking for love. (R)
9.00 **Big Brother.** Highlights of another 24 hours in the Big Brother house, including coverage of the latest eviction as seen from the point of view of the contestants, who share their diary-room thoughts on their recently departed friend - or enemy. Narrated by Marcus Bentley.
10.00 **Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole.** The stories of Roma people who moved to the UK and are now surviving on benefits, including a man who lost both legs in an accident when he was seven. (R)
11.00 **Big Brother's Bit on the Psych.** Rylan Clark and Iain Lee present analysis of the housemates' behaviour, with input from psychologists and body-language experts.
12.00 **SuperCasino.** Live interactive gaming.
3.10 **Webcam Girls: At Your Service.** Women who work in the online adult entertainment industry. (R)
4.00 **Great Scientists.** (R)
4.25 **Make It Big.** (R)
4.50 **The Funky Valley Show.** (R)
5.00 **Angels of Jarm.** (R)
5.10 **Roary the Racing Car.** (R)
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5.30 **The Funky Valley Show.** (R)
5.40 **Roary the Racing Car.** (R)
5.50 **Roary the Racing Car.** (R)

SUNDAY

**Murdered by My Boyfriend**

10.35pm

Drama about a teenage girl's romance with an older man who, although handsome and initially charming, soon begins to dominate every aspect of her life as his jealous and possessive nature gets out of control. Starring Georgina Campbell and Royce Pierreson. Previously shown on BBC3.

**Formula 1: German Grand Prix Highlights**

7pm

Suzi Perry presents action from the 10th round of the season, which was staged at the Hockenheimring for the first time since 2012. Fernando Alonso was the victor on that occasion, but seems unlikely to challenge again given the dominance of Lewis Hamilton.

**Catchphrase**

7pm

Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show, asking three contestants to 'see it and say it' as they try to guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues. After the first elimination, the two remaining players battle to reach the Super Catchphrase round, where one of them could win £50,000.

**Child Genius**

9pm

New series. Return of the documentary following gifted youngsters taking part in a competition organised in association with Mensa to find the UK's brightest young mind. In the first stage, the contenders face two gruelling rounds – advanced maths and memory recall.

**Cricket on 5**

7pm

England v India. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the fourth day of the Second Test at Lord's. Despite England having a commanding first innings lead when the nations met here in 2011, the tourists fought back on day four of that match, reducing England to 62/5.

BBC1

- 6.00 Breakfast.**
9.00 The Andrew Marr Show.
10.00 Sunday Morning Live. Sian Williams presents the topical debate programme covering religious, moral and ethical issues, with guest panellists and contributions from viewers.
11.00 Fast Tales. Saleyha Ahsan meets prominent British Muslims fasting for Ramadan, and talks to Michael Mosley, whose health was transformed by such a diet.
11.30 Golf: The Open Championship. Hazel Irvine introduces continued live coverage of the fourth and final day at Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Hoylake, where the 143rd staging of the Major continues. Continues at 12.10pm.
12.00 BBC News; Weather.
12.10 Golf: The Open Championship. Hazel Irvine introduces further live coverage of the fourth and final day at Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Hoylake, where the 143rd staging of the Major concludes. Subsequent programmes are subject to change.
7.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
7.20 Countryfile. The team helps John Craven mark 25 years on the show with items close to his heart, touching on organic farming, endangered species and the joy of driving through the countryside. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
8.10 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the team pay a second visit to Wentworth Woodhouse, where items include a bible that belonged to one of the first black professional footballers. Last in the series.
9.10 Seven Wonders of the Commonwealth. To celebrate the start of the Commonwealth Games, five presenters travel the globe to reveal natural beauty spots in seven of the Commonwealth's 53 countries. Dan Snow kayaks alongside bottlenose dolphins in Milford Sound, New Zealand, and travels to Bangladesh to visit the world's largest mangrove forest. Anita Rani travels to the oldest, driest desert on earth, the Namib in Africa, where temperatures can reach 50 degrees centigrade - then experiences tribal life in Papua New Guinea. Reggie Yates journeys to the largest uninhabited island in the Solomons, surrounded by pristine coral reefs. Denise Lewis experiences the Zambia's Victoria Falls, the most spectacular waterfall on Earth, and Clare Balding heads to the Inner Hebrides to retrace the footsteps of composer Felix Mendelssohn, who was inspired by the volcanic Fingal's Cave on Staffa.
10.10 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.35 Murdered by My Boyfriend. Drama about a teenage girl's romance with an older man.
11.35 FILM: The Greatest Game Ever Played (2005). Fact-based drama, starring Shia LaBeouf and Stephen Dillane.
1.30 Weather for the Week Ahead.
1.35 BBC News.

BBC2

- 6.00 This is BBC2.** Preview of upcoming programmes.
6.40 FILM: A Walk in the Sun (1945). A US Army patrol is sent to destroy a German hideout in Italy during the 1943 invasion. Second World War adventure, starring Dana Andrews, Richard Conte and Sterling Holloway.
8.30 Monty Don's French Gardens. How the national love of food has influenced gardens in France. (R)
9.30 Countryfile. Matt Baker explores Whiteford Burrows sand dunes in Gower, south Wales. (R)
10.30 Golf: The Open Championship. Live coverage from Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Hoylake.
11.30 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. Highlights of the series.
1.00 Rick Stein's Spain. The chef travels through Extremadura to Seville. Last in the series. (R)
2.00 Flog It! Trade Secrets. Advice on picking up items at car-boot sales.
2.30 Escape to the Country. Properties in Herefordshire. (R)
3.30 Lifeline. An appeal on behalf of DebRA.
3.40 Songs of Praise. (R)
4.15 FILM: Grand Prix (1966). A Formula One driver trying to make a comeback has an affair with the wife of a rival racer who is recuperating after an accident. Drama, starring James Garner and Eva Marie Saint.
7.00 Formula 1: German Grand Prix Highlights. Suzi Perry presents action from the 10th round of the season, which was staged at the Hockenheimring for the first time since 2012.
8.30 Dragons' Den. New series. Evan Davis presents the return of the business ideas contest, with Peter Jones, Deborah Meaden, Duncan Bannatyne, Kelly Hoppen and Piers Linney evaluating pitches.
9.30 The Lancaster: Britain's Flying Past. John Sergeant examines the history of the Avro Lancaster bomber and examines how it was at the heart of nearly every vital British aeronautical mission of the Second World War.
10.30 Mock the Week. Ed Byrne, Milton Jones, Russell Kane and Zoe Lyons join regular panellists Hugh Dennis and Andy Parsons on the topical comedy quiz. Dara O Briain hosts. (R)
11.00 FILM: The Quiet American (2002). A British journalist in 1950s Vietnam befriends an American aid worker, but suspects his new acquaintance is not all he appears to be. Drama, with Michael Caine and Brendan Fraser.
12.35 Sign Zone: Countryfile. Matt Baker explores Whiteford Burrows sand dunes in Gower, south Wales, Adam Henson reveals the wonders of wool and cameraman Richard Taylor-Jones is on the lookout for fox cubs. (R)
1.30 Sign Zone: Holby City. Elliot faces the truth about his condition after freezing in theatre. Serena is forced to bring her mother in to work, and Digby tries to help Zosia get over Jesse. (R)
2.30 This is BBC2.

ITV

- 6.00 CITY: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge**
6.25 Dino Dan **6.35 Dino Dan** **6.50 Canimals** **7.00 Canimals** **7.05 Sooty** **7.20 Digimon Fusion** **7.45 Mr Bean: The Animated Series** **8.00 Deadtime Stories**
8.25 ITV News.
8.30 Weekend. With Nicky Campbell, Ben Shephard, Paul Heaton and Jacqui Abbott.
9.25 May the Best House Win. Competition in which homeowners rate one another's properties. (R)
10.25 Murder, She Wrote. A crooked deputy is murdered. (R)
11.20 ITV News and Weather; Weather.
11.30 Love Your Garden. Alan Titchmarsh and the team transform their smallest garden to date. (R)
12.30 Long Lost Family. A woman hopes to meet the son she gave up for adoption. (R)
1.35 FILM: Columbo: Any Old Port in a Storm (1973). Detective drama, starring Peter Falk and Donald Pleasence.
3.35 Midsomer Murders. A burglar dubbed "The Creeper" targets Midsomer. Rik Mayall guest stars. (R)
5.30 Tipping Point. Quiz show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (R)
6.30 ITV News Central; Weather.
6.45 ITV News and Weather.
7.00 Catchphrase. Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show in which three contestants guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues, before one of them plays to win £50,000. (R)
8.00 Foyle's War. MI5 suspects Britain's atomic research programme has been infiltrated and recruits Foyle to investigate a Soviet spy ring that could be at work in London. (R)
10.00 ITV News and Weather; Weather.
10.15 Testing Britain's Worst Drivers: Crash Course. Two of the nation's worst motorists come face to face with the consequences of their dangerous driving in a crash-test experiment. Jamie Theakston narrates. (R)
11.15 The Cube. Bubbly Teresa from Newcastle and family man Alan try to complete a series of increasingly difficult tasks in the hope of winning a jackpot of £250,000. Phillip Schofield hosts. (R)
12.10 The Store. Home shopping.
2.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. The host takes his successful talk show stateside. (R)
3.10 Motorsport UK. Action from Oulton Park, featuring the Ginetta Junior Championship and Formula Ford Championship. With commentary by Richard John Neil.
4.00 ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service.
4.15 Britain's Best Bakery. Independent bakeries compete to impress judges Mich Turner and Peter Sidwell, with three firms in Yorkshire challenged to produce rhubarb and custard muffins. (R)
5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show. The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues.

Channel 4

- 6.10 The Hoobs.** Groove feels down in the dumps. (R)
6.35 The Hoobs. Tula does a spot of cleaning. (R)
7.00 FIM World Superbike Championship. Round nine from California.
7.30 British GT Championship. The fifth round of the season from Spa-Francorchamps.
7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. Marie spurns Ray. (R)
8.25 Everybody Loves Raymond. Robert's new love causes problems. (R)
8.55 Frasier. The shrink directs a radio mystery drama to mark KACL's 50th anniversary. (R)
9.30 Frasier. Part one of two. Martin and Sherry consider breaking up. (R)
10.00 Sunday Brunch. Tim Lovejoy and Simon Rimmer are joined by actor Mathew Baynton and athlete Iwan Thomas. Plus, singer Cher Lloyd performs her single Sirens in the studio.
1.30 Anniversary Games. Coverage of the athletics meeting from Horse Guards Parade Ground and The Mall in central London, featuring a number of track, road and field events.
4.05 Couples Come Dine with Me. Three couples compete in Greater Manchester. (R)
5.10 Channel 4 News.
5.40 FILM: Hugo (2011). Premiere. Family adventure, starring Asa Butterfield.
8.00 The Mill. New series. The workers fear the arrival of impoverished families from the South will drive down everyone's wages, and the impact of new legislation hits home for apprentice Esther.
9.00 Child Genius. New series. In the first stage of the competition to find the UK's brightest young mind, the gifted contenders face two gruelling rounds – advanced maths and memory recall.
10.00 FILM: Love & Other Drugs (2010). A cynical womanising sales rep for a pharmaceutical company falls in love with a waitress with Parkinson's disease. Romantic comedy drama, with Jake Gyllenhaal and Anne Hathaway.
12.10 The Million Pound Drop. Two singletons team up on a blind date for the quiz, trying to stop wads of cash falling through trapdoors by correctly answering a series of questions. Davina McCall hosts. (R)
1.05 FILM: Lady Chatterley (2006). A lonely aristocratic woman caring for her paralysed husband is reinvigorated by a passionate affair with a gamekeeper. Drama, starring Marina Hands and Jean-Louis Coulou'ch.
3.55 River Cottage Veg. Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall goes wild swimming with vegetarian triathlete Colin Hill, and gives him meat-free recipe ideas to help vary his diet and boost his energy. (R)
4.50 Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. Kirstie Allsopp enters her home-made elderflower cordial in the garden crafts competition at the Chagford Show, Devon. (R)
5.05 Deal or No Deal. Noel Edmonds hosts the high-stakes game show.

Channel 5

- 6.00 Milkshake!** Peppa Pig **6.05 Roary the Racing Car** **6.15 Abby's Flying Fairy School** **6.25 Bubble Guppies** **6.35 The Mr Men Show** **6.50 Chloe's Closet** **7.00 Milkshake! Monkey** **7.05 Roobarb and Custard Too** **7.10 Bananas in Pyjamas** **7.25 Make Way for Noddy** **7.40 City of Friends** **7.50 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures** **7.55 Little Princess** **8.05 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky** **8.20 Milkshake! Bop Box** **8.25 Angelina Ballerina** **8.45 Rupert Bear** **9.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom** **9.15 Jelly Jamm** **9.30 LazyTown**
10.00 Power Rangers Megaforce. Five teenagers try to save Earth from the Warstar aliens. (R)
10.35 Power Rangers Megaforce. Gia and Jake fight an alien scientist. (R)
11.05 Meerkat Manor. Rocket Dog takes charge of the Whiskers. (R)
11.30 Access. Showbiz news and gossip.
11.35 Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights. (R)
12.35 FILM: Click (2006). Comedy, starring Adam Sandler.
2.40 FILM: Lost in Space (1998). Sci-fi adventure, starring William Hurt and Gary Oldman.
5.10 FILM: Big Momma's House (2000). Comedy, starring Martin Lawrence.
7.00 Cricket on 5. England v India. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the fourth day of the Second Test at Lord's, as the five-match series continued.
7.55 5 News Weekend.
8.00 My Child is a Monkey. The stories of Americans who have adopted monkeys and integrated the animals into their families, treating them not as pets, but as children.
9.00 Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chit-chat. Narrated by Marcus Bentley.
10.00 FILM: The Book of Eli (2010). A drifter in post-apocalyptic America battles a despot for control of a book believed to hold the key to mankind's future. Action adventure, with Denzel Washington and Gary Oldman.
12.15 Gangs & Guns: Caught on Camera. Police officers monitor the activity of Soho's 100,000 nightly visitors. (R)
1.15 SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming.
3.10 Super Skyscrapers: Shanghai Tower. The creation and construction of China's tallest building. (R)
4.00 Great Scientists. Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei. (R)
4.25 Make It Big. The team races to sell more tickets. (R)
4.50 The Funky Valley Show. Double bill. Dippy develops special powers. (R)
5.00 Angels of Jarm. Animation about helpful angels. (R)
5.10 Roary the Racing Car. Big Chris receives a mysterious parcel. (R)
5.20 Angels of Jarm. (R)
5.30 The Funky Valley Show. (R)
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Quinoa – pronounced keen-wa – is high in protein



A close-up view of Quinoa, in a field near Ellesmere



Stephen Jones with the quinoa

GROWER’S QUINOA CROP



Stephen Jones in his field of quinoa



The farmer is the first in Britain to grow the crop



The quinoa plants growing in a Shropshire field



Stephen Jones shows off some of his grain



The grains are said to be a “superfood”

MAYBE it's down to our ever-expanding waistlines, but it seems that over the past few years, Britain has become obsessed with so-called superfoods. Whether its blueberries and their supposed fat-burning qualities, or kale and its purported cholesterol-lowering powers, Britain is hooked on them. But not quite as famous amongst foodies is a grain crop that has made its way into our

by Rebecca King

supermarkets from South America: Quinoa. The crop is packed full of protein and has all the amino acids you could ever want. In fact it's so super, one Shropshire farmer has decided to grow the ancient grain here. Stephen Jones, a 27-year-old Harper Adams graduate from Ellesmere, became hooked on the idea that quinoa could have a growing appetite within the UK. "I'm a vegetarian, and I began looking for

something to give me more protein in my diet," he said. "I was reading a news article on quinoa and thought I'd give it a try, and when I enjoyed it I wondered if I would be able to grow it." In 2006, Mr Jones decided to have a go at becoming the first person to grow the stuff on a small plot on his family farm. "Sales have sky-rocketed over the past couple of years mainly down to people being interested on healthy eating." While he didn't strike gold to begin with – in fact it's taken eight years to perfect – he's

even honed in on the new craze of buying British. Mr Jones owns the exclusive commercial rights to growing four UK strains of the grain which could be selling in supermarkets across the country before long. He said: "It's a good situation to be in, to be able to offer something with great health benefits that is also British." But it hasn't all been plain sailing. He explained: "The main difficulty was finding the right kind of quinoa to grow. Some of them didn't mature properly and it was hard finding the right ones. "We started off on a very small plot of land

hand sowing the seeds and growing them that way. "Then I was able to get my hands on some strains that could develop in the UK, and we've been going from there." Mr Jones thinks he's now got the secret just right and is set to grow 100 tonnes in this year alone, harvesting 120 acres in September. His family business, The British Quinoa Company, has been working with farmers across the country who have also been trying to grow the crops. He added: "We want to make products like quinoa flour."

Drivetime

Future is a hybrid plug-in

By Graham Breeze

Company car drivers take note – now is the time to run an eye over Mitsubishi's Outlander Plug-in Hybrid.

And companies looking to provide staff with vehicles should have this PHEV model on their radar too – it makes sense for bosses and their team to have one of these in the staff car park.

Both employer and employee can gain from massive tax savings. Bosses can save £5,000 off the £31,899 price tag as the car qualifies for the Government's plug-in care grant, while staff can pocket just about the same by reducing their tax allowances.

What it all means is that with a benefit-in-kind rate of five per cent, a 40 per cent taxpayer will pay only £665 per year – a massive saving.

I was stunned by the amazing arrival when it was launched earlier this year and now a week-long test drive has more than proved my thoughts.

I have seen the future. Sooner or later all motorists will be forced down this route – it's simply a no-brainer. It takes some getting used to but as soon as I came to terms with how to get the best fuel consumption figures it was a doddle and became a daily challenge.

It really doesn't seem possible that there is a two-litre, four-wheel-drive vehicle out there that does 148mpg. But the Mitsubishi's Outlander Plug-In Hybrid (PHEV) – branded by the company as the best 4x4 SUV in the UK – does just that. And it's the model which might just save the ailing company, with Mitsubishi having

suffered more than most from a disastrous exchange rate.

The company is convinced the timing is right for the arrival of a vehicle emitting just 44g/km, meaning there is no road tax to pay. And while only budgeting for UK sales of just 3,000 vehicles this year, Mitsubishi has the capacity to supply as many as 10,000 should sales really take off, and have the company car driver right at the top of their target list.

So how does it all work? There's all-electric operation for everyday use, which means almost silent motoring, and engine power for longer journeys, giving combined fuel figures of an amazing 148mpg.

Twin motors deliver power to the wheels, replacing the propeller shaft system, to provide better response and reduce friction loss.

There's a 32.5-mile range on electric power only, which exceeds the UK average of 25 miles. The cost of plugging in at home is less than £1.50 per night and every model comes equipped with the attachments to make charging really simple.

Mitsubishi makes a point of saying there has been no compromise from the rest of the range with this launch. It's still a spacious and well-equipped five-seater with only three per cent less boot space than other models in the Outlander range.

And at 11seconds for 0-60mph it is better than the diesel version.

Careful development of the Outlander PHEV's architecture and safety equipment means the all-new vehicle achieves an impressive five-star Euro NCAP safety rating.

Super All Wheel Control is standard on all models along with seven SRS airbags and reinforced impact safety evolution safety body. PHEV is fully equipped to protect occupants in the event of a collision.



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The range topping GX4hs on test came with the advanced e-assist safety system: Lane departure warning, forward collision mitigation and clever adaptive cruise control technology. It also has an Acoustic Vehicle Alerting System, which produces an audible warning sound to alert pedestrians when in EV mode.

This can be heard whenever the vehicle is in motion, up to a speed of 22mph.

The range will start with a GX3h specification. This has the following key items: 18in alloy wheels, cruise control, dual-zone climate control, air conditioning, privacy glass, electric folding/heating mirrors with indicators, leather steering wheel, steering wheel audio controls and Bluetooth.

The GX4h has: Sat-nav with HD seven-inch touchscreen, wide-beam headlights, heated front seats/power driver's seat, reversing camera, leather seats, DAB radio, electric sunroof and power tailgate.

The GX4hs has: Adaptive cruise control, forward collision mitigation system and lane departure warning.

Every new model seems to come up with a new gimmick and the Outlander is no different.

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Anderson's six appeal decisive for Welshpool

A SIX-wicket burst from Robert Anderson saw Welshpool II maintain their title push in the Shropshire League reserve division two with a 41-run win at Market Drayton II.

Asked to bat first, high-riding Pool suffered some early setbacks before steadying the ship to reach 159-8 off 40 overs, led by skipper Matthew Knight's 61 at the top of the order while Adam Knight and Dan McWhinnie both chipped with 23.

Drayton started brightly enough in reply, but fell away to 118 all out following the introduction of Anderson who bagged an impressive 6-27 from 13 overs, Keiran Evans (3-24 off 10) providing good support at the other end.

WELSHPOOL III secured an exciting one-wicket win at Alberbury III in division four A, successfully chasing down 119 with their last pair at the crease.

MONTGOMERY II, looking to climb the reserve division two, secured a winning draw against their Willey counterparts.

Asked to bat first, they lost a couple of early wickets before recovering to post 164-8 in 40 overs, Jack Williams hitting 38 and Rob Yewdall 31 not out.

Willey were kept in check in reply, but managed to avoid defeat to finish on 134-8 thanks to a defiant 69 not out from opener Tony Rowlands.

Joe Haycock was the pick of the bowlers with 3-19, while Williams and Yewdall also shone with the ball in taking two wickets apiece.

Cae Glas in last-wicket losing draw

MID-TABLE Cae Glas held on for a losing draw against high flying Beacon at Gatacre to pick up a healthy 10 points in the Shropshire County Cricket League division two.

Put in to bat, Beacon recovered from the loss of two early wickets to post 163-9 in 40 overs as they played with free abandon. David Howarth top scoring with 48.

Ian Holgate removed the middle order to take 3-43 from 10 overs where there were two wickets apiece for Ruchira Nimanath (2-34), who bowled with real venom. Captain Keith Yapp kept things tight at the end to pick up 2-31.

In reply, Glas stuttered initially before in-form Gareth Edgerton stroked a masterful 45. Support came from Peter Matthews who made 20 but it was hard to break the shackles as Cae Glas had to settle for a losing draw closing on 149-9.

Gulls just fall short

GUILDSFIELD missed out by just five runs as they slipped to a tense defeat at Overton in the Shropshire League division four.

Overton toiled to 130 all out in 36 overs after being put in to bat, David Jones (5-45 off 12 overs) started with the ball.

The visitors were soon on the back foot against Neil Woolley who took 9-35 off 12.2 overs and made 125.



Madeley bowler Jonathan Prince took three wickets against Knockin & Kinnerley in his side's three-wicket victory

Fynn ton lifts Oswestry as draw goes to the final over

WARRICK Fynn's first league century of the season and a fine all-round performance by Matt Gregson saw Oswestry's cricketers to a winning draw at Barnards Green – a result which lifted them out of the relegation zone of the Birmingham League division one.

Prospects looked bleak for the visitors when Barnards Green reached an impressive 209-1 off 45 overs in reply to Oswestry's 277-5.

But when the home side's opener Andrew Curtis – son of former England star Tim – was superbly caught on the boundary by Darren Papier for 97, the whole complexion of the game changed.

Curtis had shared a second-wicket stand of 177 with Worcestershire pro Alex Hephurn (93) – but once he was out, wickets began to tumble as Oswestry spinners Mark Robinson and Gregson got to work.

Oswestry needed two wickets off the last five balls to snatch an unlikely victory – and they weren't helped when the penultimate ball of the match, bowled by skipper Robinson, rattled the stumps without dislodging a bail. Gregson finished with 3-26 and Robinson 3-62.

Earlier, Fynn had led the way for Oswestry with a sparkling innings. He hit 109, sharing a third-wicket stand of 108 with Robbie Clarke (59).

Amazing

Gregson then came to the wicket and treated the crowd to some spectacular hitting. He blasted 39 off just 20 balls, including a massive six over long on off a low full toss from ex-Gloucestershire paceman Mark Hardinges.

Oswestry enjoyed mixed fortunes in two T20 competitions. On Friday they staged an amazing run chase to beat Shifnal, earning a place in the final of the Salop Leisure competition.

Shifnal made 184-2 off their 20 overs, with Shropshire all-rounder Jack Edwards hammering 78 not out. Best Oswestry bowler was guest player Vansh Bajaj, who took 1-14 off four overs.

Fynn was again in fine form, hitting an unbeaten 86 as Oswestry reached their target at 185-6 with two balls to spare. Joe Clarke made 33 and Alex Huxley

CRICKET

By John Bridgwater

20. Two days earlier Oswestry were well beaten at Wolverhampton in the quarter-final of the Birmingham League T20. The home side made 133-4 (Sam Huxley 2-26), and Oswestry replied with just 79 (Alun Morris 20).

Oswestry II's run of poor form continued as they went down by five wickets at home to Milford Hall II in the 2nd XI division (north). Jonny Davies blasted a superb 79 not out after Oswestry had lost early wickets, leading the side to 231. Scott Hale and Ollie Clarke both hit 34.

But 100 by opener Aaron Afford saw Milford hall to 233-5, with Xavie Clark (2-50) the pick of the home bowlers.

There's no stopping OSWESTRY III at the moment, and they registered another victory in the Shropshire League division three – this time by three wickets at Acton Reynald.

Reynald were dismissed for 195, with Mike O'Reilly taking four wickets and Ollie Renwick three.

Ryan Morris (38), skipper Chris Wiseman (34) and Jim Phillips (22) put Oswestry in with a chance before a half-century stand between Dave Shaw (35no) and Mike O'Reilly (24no) saw them home at 196-7.

A magnificent innings by Alex Ramsay almost single-handedly

OSWESTRY IV to victory against Shifnal Fourths at Morda Road on Sunday – their first win of the season in the Shropshire League reserve division three.

After Shifnal had declared at 266-5 after 44 overs, Ramsay was dropped twice in the first over of the Oswestry reply.

And he made Shifnal pay for their mistakes by blasting 172 before being dismissed with the scores level. Youngster Henry Platt then scrambled the winning run, as Oswestry ended on 267-8. Leo Kerr offered good support to Ramsay with 23.

■ Oswestry II travel to Fordhouses Seconds on Saturday, the fourths are at Albrighton Seconds, while the third team take on high-flying Prees at Morda Road on Sunday.

Birmingham & District Premier Cricket League

First Teams										
Premier Division										
	P	W	D	L	T	A	P			
WB Dartmouth.....	12	7	2	1	0	2	190			
Berkswell.....	12	7	2	1	0	2	186			
Barnt Green.....	12	5	2	3	0	4	163			
Brookhampton.....	12	5	2	3	0	2	161			
Knowle & D.....	12	4	2	3	0	3	142			
Dorridge.....	12	3	2	5	0	2	123			
Kenilworth W.....	12	3	2	4	0	3	122			
Shrewsbury.....	12	3	2	6	0	1	115			
Walsall.....	12	3	2	4	0	3	110			
Kidderminster V12.....	12	2	3	5	0	2	105			
Walsall.....	12	2	3	6	0	1	99			
Hinley.....	12	1	4	6	0	1	84			

Division One										
	P	W	D	L	T	A	P			
Ombersley.....	12	7	3	1	0	1	179			
Wolverhampton.....	12	4	3	2	0	3	162			
Smethwick.....	12	4	3	2	0	3	154			
Bromsgrove.....	12	4	2	1	0	4	144			
Old Hill.....	12	4	2	3	0	3	140			
Wellington.....	12	4	2	3	0	3	126			
Harborne.....	12	4	1	5	0	2	118			
Barnards Green.....	12	3	2	4	0	3	115			
Brewod.....	12	3	2	5	0	3	110			
Oswestry.....	12	1	3	5	0	3	99			
Shifnal.....	12	2	4	4	0	2	92			
Wombourne.....	12	1	2	6	0	3	64			

Second Teams										
Division Two North										
	P	W	D	L	T	A	P			
Smethwick.....	12	7	0	2	0	3	165			
Tamworth.....	12	6	1	1	0	4	162			
Milford Hall.....	12	5	2	2	0	3	162			
Penn.....	12	6	1	2	0	3	156			
Brewod.....	12	4	2	2	0	4	142			
Wombourne.....	12	2	2	4	0	4	120			
Oswestry.....	12	4	1	5	0	2	119			
Whitchurch.....	12	3	1	6	0	2	113			
Hawkins C & R.....	12	3	2	5	0	2	106			
Fordhouses.....	12	1	3	4	0	4	87			
Newport.....	12	1	3	4	0	4	87			
Quatt.....	12	1	0	7	0	4	53			
Hawkins C&R deducted 3pts										



That's out – Acton Reynald's Adrian Burr is about to have his stumps re-arranged during the defeat to Oswestry's third team. Picture: Richard Bishop.



Runs there – Acton Reynald batsman sends the ball to the mid-wicket boundary

Game's De Silva lining

OPENER Nakala De Silva made hay as the sun shone with a blistering unbeaten century as Frankton hit the run trail against Cound in the Shropshire County Cricket League Premier Division, writes JOHN BRIDGWATER.

Electing to bat first, De Silva took full advantage as he battled throughout for 178 not out to help his side declare on a mammoth 301-1 in 45 overs, putting on a century stand for the first wicket with Ian Whiticase (57) before gaining support from Jason Brookes (41no) at three.

Cound also found the Hardwick Park wicket to their liking in reply as they held out for a losing draw on 258-8, Andy Harri-

son top scoring with 61, while Jordan Parry bagged 3-63 and Thomas Welti 2-43.

Despite having the better of the draw, Frankton remain in the bottom two of the division as they gear up for a tricky trip to Reman Services on Saturday.

FRANKTON II rattled up 221-7 in their 50 overs against Cound II in the reserve division one, Richard Jones top scoring with 64 at the top of the order while James Ellis also made a half century with exactly 50 not out.

In reply, Allcott batted patiently as they eased to their target in the 36th over for the loss of just one wicket.

PLACINGS

Birmingham & District Premier Cricket League

First Teams										
Premier Division										
	P	W	D	L	T	A	P			
WB Dartmouth.....	12	7	2	1	0	2	190			
Berkswell.....	12	7	2	1	0	2	186			
Barnt Green.....	12	5	2	3	0	4	163			
Brookhampton.....	12	5	2	3	0	2	161			
Knowle & D.....	12	4	2	3	0	3	142			
Dorridge.....	12	3	2	5	0	2	123			
Kenilworth W.....	12	3	2	4	0	3	122			
Shrewsbury.....	12	3	2	6	0	1	115			
Walsall.....	12	3	2	4	0	3	110			
Kidderminster V12.....	12	2	3	5	0	2	105			
Walsall.....	12	2	3	6	0	1	99			
Hinley.....	12	1	4	6	0	1	84			
Division One										
	P	W	D	L	T	A	P			
Ombersley.....	12	7	3	1	0	1	179			
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Wellington.....	12	4	2	3	0	3	126			
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Barnards Green.....	12	3	2	4	0	3	115			
Brewod.....	12	3	2	5	0	3	110			
Oswestry.....	12	1	3	5	0	3	99			
Shifnal.....	12	2	4	4	0	2	92			
Wombourne.....	12	1	2	6	0	3	64			
Division Two										
	P	W	D	L	T	A	P			
Leamington Spa12.....	12	7	2	0	0	3	189			
Penkridge.....	12	6	1	2	0	3	168			
Brewod.....	12	4	3	2	0	3	144			
Old Elizabethans.....	12	3	3	4	0	2	130			
Eastnor.....	12	3	3	4	0	1	125			
Attlock.....	12	3	2	5	0	2	123			
Whitchurch.....	12	4	1	5	0	2	120			
Stourbridge.....	12	3	1	4	0	1	117			
Tamworth.....	12	3	3	3	0	3	114			
Halesowen.....	12	3	1	5	0	3	105			
Coventry & N.W.12.....	12	3	1	4	0	4	104			
Water Orton.....	12	3	1	6	0	2	95			
Division Three										
	P	W	D	L	T	A	P			
Stratford-U-Avon12.....	12	8	1	1	0	2	196			
Sutton Colfield12.....	12	6	3	1	0	2	187			
Stredly.....	12	6	2	3	0	1	182			
Hawkins C & R 12.....	12	7	1	3	0	1	178			
Brighthorn.....	12	6	2	2	0	2	160			
Fordhouses.....	12	5	1	5	0	1	140			
Kings Heath.....	12	4	2	5	0	1	127			
Astwood Bank.....	12	3	2	4	0	3	119			
Milford Hall.....	12	3	0	6	0	3	110			
Newport.....	12	1	3	7	0	1	88			
Quatt.....	12	1	1	7	0	3	85			
Penn.....	12	1	2	7	0	2	80			
Second Teams										
Premier Division										
	P	W	D	L	T	A	P			
Knowle & D.....	12	8	0	1	0	3	193			
Wolverhampton.....	12	6	2	2	0	2	172			
Walsall.....	12	6	1	2	0	3	162			
Moseley.....	12	5	2	3	0	2	143			
Brookhampton.....	12	3	2	5	0	2	132			
Leamington.....	12	3	2	3	0	3	122			
Walsall.....	12	3	2	3	0	4	100			
Harborne.....	12	1	3	6	0	3	85			
Old Hill.....	12	2	5	5	0	4	98			
Kenilworth.....	12	2	2	5	0	3	85			
Shrewsbury.....	12	0	2	6	0	4	67			
Walsall & Shrewsbury deducted 3pts										
Division One										
	P	W	D	L	T	A	P			
Kenilworth W.....	12	5	4	0	0	3	188			
Kidderminster V12.....	7	0	3	3	0	2	158			
Shifnal.....	12	5	2	2	0	3	151			
Wellington.....	12	5	3	0	0	4	150			
WB Dartmouth.....	12	5	2	2	0	3	143			
Edwinstown.....	12	4	2	2	0	4	135			
Walsall.....	12	4	2	3	0	3	132			
Kenilworth.....	12	4	1	5	0	2	121			
Penkridge.....	12	2	2	4	0	4	99			
Dorridge.....	12	2	1	5	0	4	90			
Reely.....	12	1	1	8	0	2	54			
Edwinstown.....	12	0	2	8	0	2	45			
Kidderminster V & Bridgnorth deducted 3pts										
Division Two North										
	P	W	D	L	T	A	P			
Smethwick.....	12	7	0	2	0	3	166			
Tamworth.....	12	6	1	1	0	4	166			
Leamington.....	12	5	2	2	0	3	154			
Wrenn.....	12	6	1	2	0	3	154			
Brewod.....	12	4	2	2	0	4	145			
Wombourne.....	12	2	2	4	0	4	122			
Oswestry.....	12	4	1	5	0	2	111			
Whitchurch.....	12	3	1	6	0	2	111			
Hawkins C & R 12.....	12	3	1	5	0	2	110			
Fordhouses.....	12	3	2	5	0	2	108			
Newport.....	12	1	3	4	0	4	85			
Quatt.....	12	1	0	7	0	4	80			
Hawkins C&R deducted 3pts										
Minsterley & District Rounders League										
DIVISION 1										
	P	W	L	D	F	A	P			
Wrenn.....	7	6	1	0	138	576	31			
Walsall Beiles.....	7	6	1	0	104	65	33			
Leipstow.....	7	3	1	0	108	105	52			
Oswestry.....	7	3	3	0	83	101	55			
Wrenn.....	7	2	5	0	65	67	77			
Walsall.....	6	2	4	0	67	93	51			
Wrenn.....	7	0	6	1	81	114	114			
DIVISION 2										
	P	W	L	D	F	A	P			
Walsall.....	6	6	0	0	102	548	33			
Wrenn.....	7	6	1	0	108	562	33			
Walsall.....	7	5	2	0	100	571	37			
Wrenn.....	7	3	3	0	108	571	37			
Walsall.....	7	2	5	0	75	501	51			
Wrenn.....	7	2	5	0	67	512	41			
Walsall.....	7	1	6	0	78	574	04			
DIVISION 3										
	P	W	L	D	F	A	P			
Walsall.....	7	7	0	0	129	574	37			
Wrenn.....	6	4	2	0	98	567	25			
Walsall.....	6	4	3	0	88	575	27			
Wrenn.....	6	3	3	0	83	575	27			
Walsall.....	6	2	4	0	67	585	15			
Wrenn.....	6	2	5	0	78	574	04			
Walsall.....	6	0	7	0	67	574	04			

Oswestry's tennis sides enjoy taste of victory

OSWESTRY men's first team made a winning Shropshire Tennis League trip to Norton in Hales where they savoured the chance to experience the home side's grass courts.

Captained by Gary Edwards who partnered Matt Grice as first pair, they quickly adapted to the lush grass playing surface to sweep aside the Norton first pairing in straight sets 6-1, 6-2 and fared equally as well in the second rubber to defeat the second pairing by 6-4, 6-0.

The Oswestry club's second pairing of Keith Grice and Steve Mosford struggled more with the court surface, losing their first rubber 3-6, 4-6 but then pushed the Norton first pairing all the way taking the second set. However, they just came short in a third set super tie-break in losing 3-6, 7-5, 0-1, but the vital set won gave the Oswestry team a six to two point victory.

In their penultimate fixture, the men were away at Hinstock and, despite some heavy showers, they were able to complete it.

First pair Edwards and Matt Grice lost their first rubber against the opposing first pair by a narrow margin 6-7, 4-6, but Simon Jackson and Mosford won theirs against the second pair 6-4, 7-6.

In the reverse rubbers, Edwards and Grice won comfortably in straight sets 6-4 6-1 but Jackson and Mosford failed to keep the momentum going losing to the Hinstock first pair 4-6, 2-6 leaving the overall result to be decided on games won, with Oswestry winning by a single game claiming five points going into their final game of the season.

The ladies first team played an away fixture at Hollies Tennis Club. First pair of Josie Macrae and Kat Oakley soon got into their stride and took the rubber in straight sets. Oswestry's second pairing of Eirian Jones and Judy Lloyd had a longer rubber but their persistence paid off when they took it in a deciding third set tie-break.

In the reverse rubbers, Macrae and Oakley continued to dominate and again won in straight sets, while Jones and Lloyd had a nail biting third set tiebreak against Hollies first pair before eventually taking it to great satisfaction.

It was an excellent win by Oswestry ladies who picked up all eight points and leaving them currently poised in the top half of the group.

Give crazy golf a whirl

A SPECIAL crazy golf championship will be staged in Welshpool's Church Street Car Park, on Bank Holiday Monday.

Any players interested book in at 8.30am on August 25.

Entry fee is only £10 per person, (players must be over the age of eight and under 14s must be accompanied by an adult).

Certificates and trophies will be awarded to the top four, while first, second and third places will also receive cash prizes. The winner will have the chance to progress to the World Crazy Golf Championships being held in Hastings, Sussex over the weekend of October 25-26.

Contact the Town Clerk's office on 01938-553142.

Ellesmere B see lead at top cut to two points

THE race for promotion from division three of the Oswestry and District Bowls League is full of intrigue after the leading duo suffered mixed fortunes.

High flying **ELLESME B** saw their advantage at the top reduced to just two points after they suffered a 6-4 (146-130) reverse, Doug McCoy their best to 12 while John Harrison and Glyn Davies won 21-15. And the club's A team took advantage with a 10-0 (168-85) whitewash of lowly **CHURCH C**, Courtney Metcalfe leading the way 21-5 while Ian Metcalfe (10 wins from 13) and Dennis Jones also produced good single figure cards.

WHITTINGTON B lost ground in fourth spot after their 8-2 (164-121) loss at Chirk B, their replies coming through Ann Blake (21-18) and Brian Sinker (21-20).

At the other end of the table, **WESTON RHYN** edged clear of the basement with

a 7-3 (149-112) home win over Flexsys B, Tom Owen (21-5) and Brian Hulse (21-7).

LLANFYLLIN A climbed clear of basement danger in division four with an 8-2 (150-114) home verdict over Llanyngog C 2 (150-114), Mervyn Powell (21-8) and Basil Davies (21-9) leading the way.

LLANRHAEDR C succumbed 7-3 (153-126) at Corwen B, Bill Peel (21-12) the best of the replies.

Second placed **FOX LANE** stayed hard on the heels of the pacesetters with an 8-2 (155-105) home success against **WESTON RHYN B** helped by Simon Hayman (21-4) and John Hunter (21-8).

In division five, **CHURCH D** consolidated their position among the leading pack with an excellent 8-2 (164-129) verdict at Overton C, Jan Cama and Cheryl Weaver both winning to 11 and Tony Dart to 12.

LLANRHAEDR D, however, lost ground

following their 8-2 (134-121) setback at home to Plas Kynaston B, Bronwen Jones (21-8) and Brian Jones (walkerover) earning their replies.

WHITTINGTON D remain bottom following their 8-2 (70 shots) loss at Johnstown F, with Alicia Hardie and Nora Brunt responding to nine and 19 respectively.

WESTON RHYN E were downed 8-2 at Cynwyd C in division six, although they lost the aggregate by just 12 shots thanks to the efforts of Krystie Lewis (21-6) and James White (21-9).

Rhyn's D team were in winning mood as they overcame Johnstown E 6-4, taking the shots by 18 (153-135) with Ron Tudor (21-7) and Kyle Leightwood (21-10) leading the way.

■ Battling to escape the basement in division two, **BLACK LION** boosted their cause with a 7-3 home success over Overton

A, taking the aggregate by 19 shots (149-130). Arthur Jones took the coppers to seven while Mike Jones also weighed in with a 21-12 card.

In an all **CRIFTINS** affair, the club's C side saw off their B-string 8-2 (156-130), Leeny Jones taking the coppers 21-7 while Dave Jones (21-11) was the pick of the replies.

Results - Division Two: Criftings C 8 Criftings B 2 (156-130), Black Lion 7 Overton A 3 (149-130), **Division Three:** Whittington E 7 Ceiriog Valley B 3 (140-108), Ellesmere A 10 Church C 0 (168-69), Johnstown D 6 Ellesmere B 4 (146-120), Weston Rhyn C 7 Flexsys B 3 (149-112), Plas Kynaston A 6 Royston A 4 (146-130), Chirk B 8 Whittington B 2 (164-121).

Division Four: Llanyllin A 8 Llanyngog C 2 (150-114), Corwen B 7 Llanrhaeadr C 3 (153-126), Ceiriog Valley C Llanyrnnech B, Bersham 9 Overton B 1 (162-103), Llanguollen B 9 Ruabon B 7 (142-151), Fox Lane 8 Weston Rhyn B 2 (155-105) **Division Five:** Overton C 2 Church D 8 (129-164), Johnstown F 8 Whittington D 2 (154-84), Llanrhaeadr D 2 Plas Kynaston C 8 (121-134), **Division Six:** Cynwyd C 8 Weston Rhyn E 2 (141-129), Weston Rhyn D 6 Johnstown E 4 (153-135).

Saints know Bratislava have rich Euro pedigree

ONE time powerhouse of Europe, Slovan Bratislava have suffered leaner times in recent times – but The New Saints were under no illusions of the size of the task when the sides came face-to-face this week.

Slovan have a proud name synonymous with European football in the past, and remain the only Slovakian club to win one of the European cup competitions when defeating Barcelona in the Cup Winners' Cup in Basel in 1969.

The club also supplied seven players to the victorious UEFA Euro 1976 Czechoslovak team as they thrived in that decade under Dr Jozef Venglos who later went on to become a shock managerial appointment, first with Aston Villa, then at Celtic.

But, since the club's golden days, the former Czechoslovakian club, situated near the Danube river, have struggled to live up to their illustrious past.

Recent European performances have not been as impressive, losing 4-2 on aggregate to Ludogorets Razgrad of Bulgaria in last season's Champions League and on away goals to Hungarian outfit Videoton in the previous season's Europa League.

They reached the Europa League group stage in 2011/12 after beating Roma in the play-off round, but gained just one point from a tough group against Athletic Bilbao, Red Bull Salzburg and PSG.

But Saints boss Craig Harrison was certainly not be underestimating his side's opponents before they did battle in the Champions League second qualifying round.

"In the Champions League, we know there are good teams. It's going to be tough over there, but we feel we've got a chance," he said.



FOOTBALL

By John Bridgwater

"We gave a really good account of ourselves when we played Legia Warsaw last season, and we don't expect Slovan Bratislava to be quite as strong, but you never know."

"Having said that, they are very ambitious, have made some big signings and have plans for an all-seater 22,000 stadium, so it shows the calibre of the team that we're up against."

"They have got a lot of experience of European football, have won the European Cup Winners' Cup in the past, and we will respect them."

Slovan Bratislava are known for their passionate fans, a factor that the Saints were wary of when they headed to Slovakia for the first leg.

Founded 95 years ago, Slovan ply their trade in the Slovak Super Liga where they are managed by Frantisek Straka, and enjoyed a 1-0 win over Kosice to lift the Super Cup in their first action of the season last weekend. They are captained by midfielder Igor Zofcak, a Slovakian international.

Despite no longer the big name of Europe, Slovan have emerged the most successful team in Slovakia with the most titles in both domestic league and cup.

After providing a host of players for the successful Czechoslovakian team, Slovan's fortunes declined in the late 70s and they were relegated from the highest level of competition in 1985 to step down to the Slovakian National League.

After three seasons spent in that league, Slovan bounced back to the top flight and topped the league under the leadership of coaches Jan Zachar and Jozef Janekch, who later coached the Slovak national team.

Struggled

In 1991-92 Slovan Bratislava won the Czechoslovak title for the last time, before going on to win titles three years running in the Slovak league from 1993-96.

After a lull, they claimed the league title again in 1998-99 season, but in the next few years the club struggled on and off the pitch, finding themselves in trouble financially which forced them to sell some of their best players.

This resulted in the team being relegated to the Slovak Second League in 2004, where they spent two seasons before returning to the national league in which they landed the double in the 2010-11 season.

Playing at Stadion Pasienek, a multi-purpose stadium that holds a capacity 13,000, the club have enjoyed fluctuating fortunes in Europe, but will be hoping this season can provide a springboard for success on the biggest stage.

Roberts is edged out of 5k race



The first woman home in the 5k race was Rhinanwedd Price



Martin Copus on his way to the finish as first Maldwyn Harrier past the post

Two seconds off first

WELSHPOOL'S Richie Roberts was edged out by Tom Roberts of Meirionnydd in a thrilling fourth race of the Maldwyn Harriers Series – the Newtown BBQ 5k race.

Tom Roberts, a recent winner of the prestigious Market Drayton 10k, recorded a time of 16.14 on the twisting out and back course along the River Severn, just two seconds ahead of his namesake who, although based locally, runs for the Eryri club.

Jonathan Morgan, of Newport Harriers, completed the medal positions followed by Llandrindod's Wales junior international Rhanwedd Price (Cardiff) who won the women's event in an impressive time of 17.49.

Ian Lowe's fifth placed finish means the Oswestry man still leads the Maldwyn Harriers Summer Race Series after four events ahead of the local club's Martin Copus who was sixth on this occasion.

Maldwyn Harrier Jacqui Lomax – the second placed woman here – leads the women's race series with just one event to go, the Neil Howells Memorial Race in Montgomery on Friday, August 15.

PLACINGS				
Oswestry Bowling League				
DIVISION 1				
P	W	L	D	Agg Pts
Johnstown A.....	13	12	1	0+271 90
Ceiriog Valley A.....	13	7	5	1+301 82
Ruabon A.....	13	8	5	0+234 76
Whittington A.....	13	7	6	0+91 72
Criftings A.....	13	9	4	0+119 70
Church A.....	13	8	5	0+131 51
Chirk AAA A.....	13	7	6	0+33 65
Flexsys A.....	13	6	7	0+7 63
Cynwyd A.....	13	5	8	0+143 56
Johnstown B.....	13	8	5	0+131 51
Corwen A.....	13	9	3	0+228 49
Llanyrnnech A.....	13	11	1	0+439 37
DIVISION 2				
P	W	L	D	Agg Pts
Llanguollen A.....	13	10	3	0+264 85
Weston Rhyn A.....	13	6	5	2+157 70
George.....	13	7	5	1-9 70
Llanrhaeadr A.....	13	6	6	1+123 67
Criftings C.....	13	7	5	1+57 69
Overton A.....	13	7	6	0-4 68
Ye Olde Crofte A.....	13	6	7	0-28 66
Johnstown C.....	13	6	7	0-11 65
Church B.....	13	6	7	0-159 58
Llanyngog A.....	13	6	7	0-71 55
Criftings B.....	13	6	7	0-11 65
Black Lion.....	13	4	8	0-142 52
DIVISION 3				
P	W	L	D	Agg Pts
Ellesmere B.....	13	10	3	0+359 98
Ellesmere A.....	13	10	3	0+128 88
Plas Kynaston A.....	13	10	3	0+152 76
Whittington B.....	13	9	4	0+148 75
Johnstown D.....	13	7	6	0+35 68
Whittington E.....	13	6	7	0+75 68
Royston A.....	13	6	7	0+104 64
Chirk AAA B.....	13	5	8	0-62 61
Ceiriog Valley B.....	13	5	8	0-26 58
Weston Rhyn C.....	13	4	9	0-127 52
Flexsys B.....	13	3	9	1-304 48
Church C.....	13	2	11	0-590 33
DIVISION 4				
P	W	L	D	Agg Pts
Ruabon B.....	13	12	1	0+389 96
Fox Lane.....	13	10	2	1+282 83
Bersham.....	13	10	3	0+264 82
Ceiriog Valley C.....	13	7	6	0+151 76
Llanguollen B.....	13	6	7	0+103 67
Llanrhaeadr C.....	13	5	7	1+155 59
Overton B.....	13	8	5	1+128 57
Llanyllin A.....	13	5	7	1+154 56
Corwen B.....	13	3	9	1+127 54
Llanyngog C.....	13	5	8	0-125 52
Weston Rhyn D.....	13	2	10	0-198 52
Llanyrnnech B.....	13	3	9	1-312 46
DIVISION 5				
P	W	L	D	Agg Pts
Johnstown F.....	13	9	3	2+240 80
Cynwyd B.....	13	9	4	0+225 80
Plas Kynaston B.....	13	8	4	1+140 77
Church D.....	13	7	5	1+177 69
Llanrhaeadr D.....	13	6	7	0+66 68
Overton C.....	13	6	7	0+100 68
Royston B.....	13	4	6	3-54 62
Criftings D.....	13	6	7	1-68 59
Whittington C.....	13	6	7	1-127 57
Chirk AAA C.....	12	4	7	1-126 56
Llanrhaeadr E.....	12	5	7	0-77 55
Whittington F.....	13	1	12	1-396 38
DIVISION 6				
P	W	L	D	Agg Pts
Ruabon C.....	11	9	2	0+450 82
Ye Olde Crofte B.....	11	8	3	0+389 79
Johnstown E.....	11	6	5	0+204 65
Weston Rhyn D.....	10	7	3	0+59 59
Weston Rhyn E.....	11	4	7	0-70 47
Llanyngog B.....	10	5	5	0-2 46
Church E.....	10	5	5	0-214 46
Cynwyd C.....	11	4	6	1-274 37
Llanyllin B.....	11	3	8	0-250 35
Llanrhaeadr F.....	10	1	8	1-291 34

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P MWGAgg Pts				
Newport.....	15	12	17	585 141
Sir J Bayley.....	15	10	10	181 120
Meole Brace.....	13	8	96	213 112
Castletide.....	14	7	96	150 110
St Georges.....	17	5	74	170 108
Wern USC.....	15	8	92	-45 108
Burway.....	15	8	88	-30 104
Hadley USC.....	15	8	86	-174 102
Bowring.....	15	7	85	-30 99
Iffon.....	13	7	77	-10 91
Chester Road.....	12	7	75	-12 89
Arch W'ron.....	15	5	78	-249 88
Wrock Wood.....	15	5	71	-71 81
Bylet.....	15	2	57	-575 61

Ifton move out of the drop zone

PROSPECTS are looking up as Ifton moved clear of the basement zone in the Flowfit Shropshire Premier Bowls League with a 9-5 (16 shots) home win over Castletide.

Victory lifted the St Martins side up to fifth from bottom, with games in hand on several of their rivals, and puts them in good heart for Friday's trip to Burway.

They may reflect they could have won by more, with Nicky Jones losing 21-20 to Glyn Herbert, but they would have been happy enough with their evening's work against their Shrewsbury visitors.

Brian Hayes took the most valuable player accolade for his 21-9 victory over Kevin Walker as his side ran out 203-187 aggregate winners.

Darren Lacey took the coppers to six, while Dicky Jones was a single figure winner after notching a 21-8 verdict over Keith Walton.

Dave Bond won to 10, Adam Price 21-11, the in-form Megis Phillis saw off Rich Goddard to 18 while Ifton's closest win of the night saw Geraint Williams edge out Steve Walker 21-20.

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On-song Pool aim for more of same

AFTER reviving their fortunes in the past month, Welshpool set their sights on completing a season's double when they visit Shelton in the Shropshire Cricket League division one on Saturday.

The Maesydre side won by three wickets earlier in the season when successfully chasing down 184, and will hope for a similar outcome after an unbeaten run in their last four outings that has taken them into the top half of the table.

Despite having to settle for a losing draw at home to Market Drayton last weekend, they still managed to pick up 10 points to the visitors' 12.

Batting first, Drayton recovered from a precarious 40-6, to post 180-9 in 50 overs, thanks in large to an unbeaten 90 from Damith Abeyagunawardene.

Sam Birch took 3-53 from 15 overs, while there were two wickets for Joe Monk (2-22) and Tom Anderson (2-52) who had little luck.

In reply, opener Joe Birch continued his fine form at the top of the order with another unbeaten innings, this time carrying his bat for 66 not out, well supported by Tom Anderson who capped a good all round game with 27. There were also 44 extras.

But they came up just short, forced to close on 166-6 in their 50 overs, after being met by some tight and disciplined bowling from James Coggins (3-35 off 10) and Jesse Thompstone (1-25 off 15).

"We bowled well, had them 40-6, but did not quite have enough firepower to go through them," said vice captain Joe Birch.

"We had a chance to win when we batted, but in the end they bowled well and we couldn't get the ball away."

Rob Pengelly misses the trip to Shelton, but Mat McWhinnie is set to return.

MONTGOMERY, who host Broseley on Saturday, slipped deeper into first division basement trouble after suffering an 184-run mauling at Lilleshall.

The bowlers were put to the sword as Lilleshall racked up 250-2 in 50 overs, Simon Millington (86no) and Paul Bainbridge (69no) leading the charge.

By contrast, Monty toiled with the bat in reply, Tim Davies providing the only resistance with 24 as they crumbled to 66 all out, with defeat leaving them second from bottom.

Former Test star leads high-flyers to Oswestry

A STAR-studded Wolverhampton side heads to Oswestry on Saturday as the Morda Road hosts looks to take another step up away from basement danger in the Birmingham Cricket League division one (12 noon).

Oswestry are looking in better shape now after securing three winning draws in their last four outings, with last weekend's efforts against Barnards Green lifting them out of the bottom two.

But they face a test of their mettle against a promotion-chasing Wolverhampton side brimming with talent, headlined by Indian Test star Wassim Jaffer, who has made a sensational start with three centuries in the five games he has played for his new club.

Jaffer, still only 36 years of age, played in 31 Tests and made just short of 2,000 runs. His highest score was 212 against the West Indies, and he has also made Test centuries against Pakistan, England and South Africa. He is the highest run-scorer in the history of the Ranji Trophy, India's First Class domestic competition, but was bowled by Sam Huxley for just 28 when Oswestry played Wolverhampton in a T20 game last week.

Also likely to be in the line-up for the visitors are Worcestershire stars Tom Fell and Chris Russell, who both played against Oswestry in the game at Wolverhampton earlier in the season, which resulted in a narrow 20-run win for the home side.

Fell has been in terrific form of late, scoring

centuries against Leicestershire and Glamorgan in Worcestershire's last two matches.

Russell, a quick bowler, has been a regular in the Worcestershire T20 side this season, picking up four wickets against Derbyshire and three against Warwickshire.

"Lining up against the likes of Wassim, Fell and Russell is what playing at this level of the Birmingham League is all about," said Oswestry skipper Mark Robinson. "We've had winning draws in three of our last four games, so we'll be going into the game in good heart."

Oswestry will not be without their own stars, of course, with Warrick Fynn in fine form and Joe Clarke having just been selected for the England under-19 series

against South Africa which starts on August 1. The home side expect to be unchanged, with play starting at noon, and hope to attract a healthy crowd with entry to the ground free.

The Morda Road side will be keen to build on their winning draw against Barnards Green last week, that saw them climb out of the bottom two.

Warrick Fynn underlined his worth with a fine century as Oswestry posted 277-5, before their hosts ended on 258-8.

"To score 277 was a fantastic effort, Robbie Clarke, as he has done all season, and Matthew Gregson also batted really well, but we were a bit disappointed that Barnards Green got as close to our total as they did," added Robinson.

Historic charity event turns 40

A LONG-running and popular local charity football tournament based in Gobowen marks its 40th year when this summer's competition kicks off on Sunday.

The Graham Edwards Memorial Trophy is named in memory of a promising young footballer from Gobowen who sadly died of leukaemia aged just 21 in 1974. The tournament was set up the following year.

It is one of the longest running charity tournaments in the country. Sons and even grandsons of players who featured in the first tournament 40 years ago have played in the tournament in recent years.

Some 16 teams compete for the impressive trophy, all by invitation, and the tournament is played as a straight knockout during late July and early August before concluding with the grand final on Sunday, August 10.

Although the ultimate aim is raising money for charity, it is officially recognised by the Shropshire FA and, with pride at stake, is used by clubs as a good guide to their pre-season build-up in local leagues.

The tournament has been played at the Venue in Park Hall since 2007, but is now returning to the Gobowen Playing Field.

Well-known names that have presented the winners' trophy in the past include former England striker Gary Lineker and ex-Wolves and England forward Steve Bull.

All the money raised goes to Leukaemia research. Over the years some £100,000 has been raised.

For further information, or to offer help, please contact competition secretary Wayne Martayn (cor) on 01691-671364.

First-round matches, Sunday: FC Oswestry Town v Malpas, West-on Rhyn v Taverne, Oswestry (both 3pm); St Martins v Loppington, Ellesmere Rangers under-18s v Duddeston Heath, The Keys St Martins v The Oak Oswestry, Llanyllin Town v Llyn-clys, Athletic Market v Cross Foxes Gobowen, Trefonen v Kinnerley (all 6.30pm).

TNS BOSS UPBEAT ON EURO CHANCES

by Nathan Rowden

BOSS Craig Harrison today vowed The New Saints' Champions League dream is not over.

TNS lost 1-0 to SK Slovan Bratislava in their away leg of the second round, first leg tie last night.

Erik Cikos' deflected strike won it for the hosts while Michael Wilde and Scott Ruscoe went close for The Welsh Premier League champions.

But Harrison refused to be downbeat and insisted they can revive their hopes in next Tuesday's return leg in Rhyl. He said: "It is always difficult getting beat, we are serial winners but we certainly didn't look out of our depth."

"Getting beaten is not ideal, we wanted to come here and score but we will be looking to win the game at home."

TNS had a number of chances after falling behind to a long range shot from Cikos which was deflected past the unsighted keeper Paul Harrison.

Positives

Wilde was unlucky to blast his shot over the bar after Alex Darlington had pulled off a magnificent flick to put him through on goal, and substitute Ruscoe nearly forced the Slovan keeper into an error in the 90th minute - but it wasn't to be.

TNS looked comfortable in possession throughout the match, despite having to cope with temperatures of up to 28C and 15 per cent humidity, and will take a lot of heart going into the second leg next Tuesday at the Corbett Stadium in Rhyl.

Harrison remained upbeat and said: "I think there are a lot of positives to take from the game. We had some chances which on another day might have gone in. "But we scored 86 goals last season in 32 games, we will score goals at home and we will go out to win the game at home."

Over 4,800 Slovan supporters rammied into the Pasiensky Stadium with about 20 loyal fans travelling from Oswestry.

Whittington A bag draw on their travels

A 21-7 card from Julian Turner helped tip the balance as WHITTINGTON A secured a 5-5 draw at Johnstown B to consolidate their top five spot in the Oswestry and District Bowls League division one. Whittington had been 2-2 after the front four, with Turner's win backed by Graham Humphreys (21-13), while they had a 21-20 loser.

Skipper Aled Davies (21-14) was the only winner in the back four, but the visitors did enough to earn

parity after taking the shots by five.

It was a night to forget for lowly LLANYMYNECH A who crashed 10-0 at Cynwyd A to fall 14 points adrift at the foot of the table. Paul Smith came closest to a consolation when being piped to 19.

CHURCH A succumbed to an 8-2 (162-90) defeat at Chirk A to slip to seventh place in a crowded mid-table, with their two replies coming from Neil Williams (21-16) and skipper Travis Stokes to 20

While their away form has been modest, CRIFTINS A continue to prove a force at home where they won 8-2 (151-124) against Corwen A to go fourth. Andrew Jones (21-11) led the way along with 21-12 cards from Mark Price and Terry Thompson.

Elsewhere, Johnstown A marched on at the top of the table with a closely fought 6-4 (151-145) win at Ruabon A to remain 10 points clear, while Flexsys A edged out second

placed Ceiriog Valley A by just two shots (139-137) in their 6-4 home success

Second placed WESTON RHYN stayed hard on the promotion trail in division two with a 9-1 (164-79) home win over CRIFTINS B. The hosts were unstoppable with five single figure showings, with Andrew Riley taking the coppers to four, while Sue Taylor (21-6) was not far behind. Robbie Hughes (21-17) gained a consolation.



The New Saints' Simon Spender tangles with Slovan Bratislava's Marko Milinkovic

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